

Hearing Agenda

Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw

Thursday 18 July 2024
and Friday 19 July 2024
9am

Council Chamber
215 High Street
Rangiora

Council:

Councillor Al Blackie

Councillor Jason Goldsworthy

Councillor Philip Redmond

Board Member Tim Bartle

Board Member Shona Powell

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

THE HEARING AND DELIBERATIONS OF THE NORTHERN PEGASUS BAY BYLAW SUBMISSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON THURSDAY 18 JULY 2024 AND FRIDAY 19 JULY 2024 COMMENCING AT 9AM

BUSINESS

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1. APPOINT A HEARING PANEL CHAIRPERSON

2. APOLOGIES

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Conflicts of interest (if any) to be reported for minuting.

4. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

9:22am	Gary Wilkie	
9:34am	Vicki Mehlhopt	
9:46am	Jackie Watson	Kaiapoi-Tuahwi Community Board
9:58am	Andrew Fox	
10:10am	Tessa Chisholm	
10:22am	Barry Churchill	
10:34am	Barry Renwick	
11:02am	David Tillman	
11:14am	Ursula Mullins	
11:26am	Sandra Stewart	Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust
11:38am	Bruce Carter	
11:50am	Samantha Wilson	
12:02pm	Iain McPhail	
12:14pm	Buzz Harvey	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club
12:26pm	Anna McKenzie	
1:12pm	Thomas Jones	
1:24pm	David Stenhouse	
1:36pm	Russell Clifford	
1:48pm	Karen Fox	
2:00pm	Rita Martin	
2:12pm	Christian Cosgrove	Young Birders New Zealand
2:24pm	Andrew Thompson	Woodend-Sefton Community Board
2:36pm	Andrew Thompson	
2:48pm	Ryan Humphreys	
3:20pm	Grant Davey	Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group
3:32pm	Kevin Roche	Northern Pegasus Bay (Hurunui) Coastline Inc.
3:44pm	Michael Glen	
3:56pm	Doug Guthrie	Ashley Fisherman's Association
4:08pm	Matthew Garrick	North Canterbury Fish and Game Council

4.1. Copy of Submissions to be heard

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4.2. Copy of all Submissions

All submissions received are included as attachment (iii) to the staff report below.

5. STAFF REPORT

5.1. Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 – Hearing Panel Report and Recommendations – Sylvia Docherty (Policy and Corporate Planning Team Leader)

RECOMMENDATION

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THAT the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw Hearing Panel:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240618098916
- (b) **Receives and considers** all submissions on the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw.
- (c) **Notes** that staff will prepare an amended draft Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 which reflects the decisions made by the Hearing Panel and then report back to Council on 06 August for final adoption of the Bylaw.

Attachments to the report are as follows:

Attachment I	Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 DRAFT
Attachment ii	Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw Area Boundary Map
Attachment iii	Public Consultation All Submissions Received
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Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 Hearing Panel

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Schedule and submissions of those presenting

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NPBB24-53

Submitter: **Gary Wilkie**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? I agree that dogs should not be in the estuary where birds nest but I do not agree with banning dogs from the beach in this area as birds do not nest below the high tide line where the dogs walk. As Waikuku resident I have never witnessed a dog attack or chase birds other than seagulls fishing in which case they fly away. I see no benefit to banning dogs in this area.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? There should be a blanket ban on all fires and fireworks on the beach. The fire risk to the dunes is too great.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? The destruction caused by fourwheel drives on the nesting side of the estuary is a massive concern to me. Year after year nesting birds, their eggs and chicks are decimated by



mindless drivers in this area who cause so much damage and rubbish dumping in this area. This area seems to be a lawless part of the estuary as it is mainly unseen and unmanned by WDC. It is a far more fragile ecological part of the estuary on this side of the dunes than the beach.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-130

Submitter: **Vicki Mehlhopt**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? The aeroplanes use of the beach is minimal.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? I don't see a problem having dogs in the area. The dogs used for hunting and shooting are well trained and under control. The duck shooting season is a small part of the year. Dog walkers should carry a lead for their dogs on beach.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Totally. Have seen an unattended fire just days ago on the beach. I believe fireworks have started fires in the area in the past.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? I am unable to comment on this.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Both Hurunui and Waimak council need to work together regarding policing rules and informative signage.

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

I am pretty much a daily user of Ashworths Beach, between Leithfield Beach and the Ashley River/Saltwater Creek mouths.

This beach is named after my ancestors who are Ashworths and have a huge part in settling and farming in the area. One of them introduced marrum grass into the area for erosion control. Over the generations we have all used the area for swimming, walking, and fishing and continue to do so.

Over the years I have seen more and more damage to the area and increased disrespect for the dunes, vegetation and wildlife.

Usually every time I am at the beach I see more people blatantly flouting rules about vehicle use. Speeding and driving up and down the dunes.

There has been an increase in off road buggies that arrive on trailers. These travel at high speeds through the dunes and lagoon areas. Often quite a few in convoy.

In doing this they are endangering plant life, animals and recreational beach users.

Signage at the entrance to the beach is pretty insignificant. There was a large sign that was destroyed by fire and its replacement took a couple of years to get put up.

At some stage both lagoons (one to the north and one south of beach access) have been fenced off, there was also a fence along beach access track and a pedestrian walkway formed. Unsure where the money came from to do this. The walkway was a waste of time and money as it was never used and is now completely overgrown.

The fences around the lagoons have worked well allowing no vehicle access to these areas.

Policing and signage does not appear to be working.

A simple solution would be to fence off dune and estuary areas. This would protect native plantings, the dunes, birdlife from damage. The cost would save money spent on policing. Just a simple fence same as round lagoons. This fence would protect dunes, native vegetation plantings and also wildlife, white spoonbills etc.

The speed limits for vehicles are a problem also. Clear bold signage is needed. Is a reporting of incidents available? Then if someone see's dangerous or banned activities it can be reported. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns. Long time local and regular beach user.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes



NPBB24-134

Submitter: **Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board**

To: Waimakariri District Council

Submission: Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw Review

From: Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

Contact: Kay Rabe (Governance Adviser) com.board@wmk.govt.nz (on behalf of the Board)

The Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board (the Board) would like to thank the Council for the opportunity to give feedback on the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024.

The Board would like to be heard.

General

The Board notes the complexity of this area with the fragmented responsibility between Environment Canterbury, Waimakariri District Council, Hurunui District Council and the Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust all contributing to the protection of the area. Add to this the private groups also working on protecting nesting birds which gives rise to confusion and allows individual to circumvent the rules. This shared responsibility hampers clear and consistent messaging and often causes confusion for both the public and the partner authorities/groups. The Board believes that a clear management plan, especially for the estuary, should be developed.

Proposed Changes to the Bylaw

The Board notes the proposed changes as follows:

- Add "*Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment*" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw.
- Extend the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5).
- Amend the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season.
- Extend the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River/Rakahuri.
- Prohibit fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers.
- Remove the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees.
- Include a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw.

The Board thanks staff for hosting drop-in sessions to inform the public of the proposed changes and commend the way in which staff professionally managed the negative response by some individuals.



The Board strongly supports all the changes proposed and especially supports the prohibition of dogs on the estuarine area. The Board believes there is plenty of beach in the opposite direction

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to exercise dogs and there is no reason for dogs to utilise the estuary at the risk of disturbing nesting birds.

The Board also is in support of the prohibition of light aircraft landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas.

The Board thanks you once again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie Watson".

Jackie Watson
Chairperson
Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

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NPBB24-100

Submitter: **Andrew Fox**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Let the residents and visitors enjoy life. Birds do not pay tax.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-105

Submitter: **Tessa Chisholm**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Protecting the Estuary + riverbed. More planting in Dunes + trapping required rather than excluding people + dogs!

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Pests? Geese - Dogs well trained to retrieve Ducks etc.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Dogs walking on the shore have little effect on birds. On lead at spit is good & already banned from Estuary. Not many people aware of on lead. More signage + protection of nests on riverbed.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

- More signage + awareness. Ban 4WD + motorbikes from riverbed as they have a destructive impact on birds/nesting birds.

- Increase trapping + monitoring of destructive pests rather than pointing finger at dogs. ie. cats, rats, stoats, possums, rabbits, hedgehogs are very prevalent.
- Dogs and horses don't mix. Will be chaos in summer.
- Restricting to small area on beach will cause problems with summertime swimmers too much congestion north of surf club.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-113

Submitter: **Barry Churchill**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? ?

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? I cannot see anything wrong with landing and taking off on the north side of the Rakahuri river between high and low tide.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Duck shooting dog's are very well trained dogs they sit in the MiMi until a duck is dropped then go and fetch.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? I have no problem with walking our dogs between the low tide and high tide its easy walking why would you want to go in the sand hills (it's a great walk).

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Allow cutural cooking and braziers little cookers etc use your brains when using.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Keep the same.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? ?

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Fast tracking something like this doesn't work. Most local beach users are not aware of the Waimakariri District Council intention to ban dogs from the spit. Dogs run between low tide and high tide with their owners because its easier walking. Consultation by WDC has not



been great (especially for those without computers). The beach is for everyone and has been for generations. Spiritually, recreation, kai gathering etc.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-56

Submitter: **Barry Renwick**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Freedom on the beach

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Aircraft in the estuary is plain stupid

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Freedom to the beach

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? A fire is a fire

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Four
wheel drives should be band on the beach not dog

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-25

Submitter: **David Tillman**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? The question is vague, what exactly do you mean by this? Of course, I want to protect the environment but I also believe the foreshore should be available for use by the community.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments?

I operate an aircraft off the beach on the north side of the Ashley River mouth and can confidently say that I do not disturb any bird life in the estuary. I observe all minimum heights as I'm legally required to do.

All my circuits are on the seaside.

The pilots of other planes I fly with are also very respectful of the rules and requirements not to fly low over the Estuary. We're all good people who meet the Fit & Proper requirements under Civil Aviation Law and among the ten I fly with are doctors, a lawyer, electrician, farmers and business owners.

We are also very conscious of not conflicting with walkers, cars, motorbikes, fishermen, horses etc.

In my experience, the few other beach users in this area are comfortable with our operations and will often come for a chat if we're stopped. To date I've not seen or heard of any negative feedback.

Further I'm concerned at the wording of the question.

The question is framed so that an agreeable person (which most people are) will say "Yes" because they don't have a reason to say "No". This is not fair, you have given no context to the question and reasons why planes should be banned. Also, you haven't given people the option of saying they "don't know" or "don't have an opinion" so are forced to say one way or the other which by default will be "Yes".

You haven't told submitters that we operate below the high tide mark and therefore don't damage the sand dunes. Or mentioned that we circuit out to sea and therefore don't fly low over the estuary.

In closing we are part of this community, we operate with care and respect and I'm disappointed that the Council have worded the question in such a way that the default answer is "Yes" to banning planes.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Sorry I don't have enough information to say one way or the other.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Don't have enough information.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Don't have enough information.

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not happy with Yes / No being the only option. You have given some background on some of the questions but no information about the consequences of the choices.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-108

Submitter: **Ursula Mullins**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Birds do not nest on the beach side of the spit particularly under the high tide mark.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? I agree with prohibiting fire and fireworks full stop. The fire risk to the dunes and pine forests is too great.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

I feel very strongly about protecting our foreshores and estuarine areas but do not see how banning dogs from the beach side of the saltwater creek spit will help this.



Four wheel drives in the estuary cause years worth of damage in one drive I think the council should spend more time policing the estuary and create more robust barriers preventing vehicles in this area.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-139

Submitter: **Sandra Stewart on behalf of the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust**

The Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust welcomes the opportunity to comment again on the proposed changes to the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw review as a result of the earlier pre-consultation and hearing recommendations.

Firstly, the trust wishes to endorse its original submission dated February 28, 2024 and subsequent comments made at the April 4, 2024 hearing as part of the pre-consultation phase of this review.

There is nothing in the trust's original submission that trustees wish to modify.

Rather the trust wishes to endorse strongly all points already made and congratulates the council's hearing panel on including all the submission points for **enhancing protection** of the internationally renowned Ashley- Rakahuri River estuary and southern spit and surrounds, its biodiversity, wetlands and the large numbers of native birds, some threatened and critically endangered, which feed, roost and breed in the area.

The trust, as the voice for Waimakariri's indigenous biodiversity, wholeheartedly supports the addition of the words to '**protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment**' to the overall vision and purpose of the bylaw and thanks the hearing panel for this inclusion.

The aim of the bylaw since its adoption in 2010 has been to protect the very special Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine habitats, foreshore and dune systems, respect Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri values across the area and separate the sometime conflicting uses of the beach and river estuary for the enjoyment and benefit of all.

This has certainly been achieved to a significant extent during the first 14 years the bylaw has been in force. But it is clear from the initial pre-consultation and the monitoring and photos from Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group members that further change is necessary to protect and respect the area for the very special birdlife that live, breed and feed there.

The trust supports the extension of the prohibited area for dogs to include the entire southern spit adjacent to the estuary as outlined in the proposed bylaw changes.

The trust also supports amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the river and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas as outlined in the proposed bylaw changes by cancelling the exemption for Fish and Game Hunting Licence holders during the gamebird hunting season.

It also supports the extension of the banned area for aircraft take-off and landings to the estuarine areas outlined in the updated map on Schedule 5 of the bylaw.

The concern for the trust is disturbance to the unique bird life claiming the area as home, feeding grounds or a stop-off point on migratory flights. And this protection from disturbance should be paramount irrespective of the hunting season, aircraft training or from residents and visitors exercising their dogs.

All these activities disturb bird species many of which are threatened and critically endangered and this is the trust's focus.



The trust contends the protection of these species, their nesting sites and feeding grounds – their home - **should be the prime aim of this reviewed bylaw** long before the area is considered as a beach ‘dog park exercise area’ or hunting grounds for shooters.

Dog owners have the ability to turn right and walk to the south after exiting the Waikuku Beach carpark and enjoy the 15 - 20km of beach with their dogs.

Not so with the resident or migratory birds.

Once disturbed from their nests and feeding grounds by people and their dogs – whether these dogs are under so-called ‘effective control’ or not – the estuary and river birds are gone and less likely to return.

Two trustees took the opportunity of attending the council’s public meeting at Waikuku Beach on June 12 to hear community views on the proposed bylaw review changes.

These trustees were disappointed at the rude and loud interruptions to speakers backgrounding the bylaw and its results to date.

The level of ignorance displayed by several members of the community about the purpose of the bylaw and the very special nature of the Ashley Rakahuri - Saltwater Creek area where they live and recreate was also disturbing.

Trust members are not persuaded by the views expressed by some at the meeting that people and their dogs have some inalienable right to roam wherever they choose irrespective of the unique birdlife in the area.

Neither is the trust persuaded that birds will be safe from disturbance when dogs are on a leash or during a breeding season-only ban.

The ARRG has photos taken just this month (June) of a loose dog fossicking about in the estuary beyond the sign stating dogs in the area should be on a leash.

There is no comfort from such a photo that dog owners will show any more respect for the area when the existing bylaw is so blatantly ignored.

In fact the trust’s views advocating for a complete and total ban of dogs on the south spit have been strengthened by listening to the views expressed at the meeting.

Banning dogs and their owners from the southern spit is all the more essential to protect the area’s biodiversity and birdlife, the trust contends.

We also note again with disappointment that neither Waimakariri District Council nor Environment Canterbury have increased resources to enforce the provisions of the bylaw in their long-term plans where consistent breaches both from vehicles and dog owners are already noted and the main sources of public complaint.

Trust members do not support any ‘half-way’ house of a dog ban along the spit during the bird-breeding season from August through to January which we believe **would need more resource to enforce** with patrols, education and signage.

There is no point advocating a bylaw change which requires extra resources to enforce when there is no extra resource!



We also do not support the restriction of dogs on the spit to being exercised on a leash. Again, this would require much more intensive enforcement using already stretched resources which remain at a static level under new long-term plans.

As photographs submitted by the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group show, dog owners are already breaching the existing bylaw by exercising their dogs without a leash in areas where a leash is required – walking past a large sign stating this.

Having a dog on a leash will not change the disturbance to the bird populations.

And it's the disturbance of the birds in their natural feeding and breeding habitat by dogs and vehicles which is the critical issue to the trust.

Trust members urge the hearing panel to extend the dog-ban area to include the south spit in a total and complete manner with large clear signs to cover 365 days of the year.

The trust would also like to raise the issue of biosecurity in the area.

Panel members will be aware of the world-wide outbreak of avian influenza. While primarily considered a threat to poultry the HPA1 virus caused by the H5N1 subtype is now recorded moving from wild birds to wild mammals both in Antarctica and Australia.

The World Health Organisation recorded the first human case of H5N1 avian influenza in Melbourne on May 18, 2024.

Only New Zealand and the Pacific Islands still remain free of the disease but arguably the time before the first cases are detected in this country are likely short with migratory birds certainly likely soon to bring the virus to these shores.

While a rare occurrence, the H5N1 influenza strain could arguably infect dogs disturbing the nests of birds on the spit and estuarine areas and also spread the infection to other mammals and humans.

This is another reason to prohibit dogs from the areas where potentially infected birds could be nesting and feeding.

The trust is keen to be heard on its submission.

NPBB24-87

Submitter: **Bruce Carter**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Dogs should be permitted along the foreshore.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Should be able to use the foreshore.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Only within the estuary.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Only within the estuary & sand dunes.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Zero

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? No idea what this is about

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not up to date with the by law

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Birds have nesting from September to February. These months are when nature can flood the complete estuary!

Why should there be a total control?

Waikuku Beach is the recipient of Pegasus extreme water flooding impact. What is being done to alleviate this impact on waikuku beach environment.



What about human pollution?

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-70

Submitter: **Samantha Wilson**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments?

Leashed dogs pose no threat to nesting birds. I run and walk with my dog regularly up to the river mouth from the Ashley River Waikuku beach carpark. She is a terrier and always on a lead even when I run, and never ever disturbs the birds. The beach should be available as a resource for us all to enjoy and is an extraordinary tool for mental wellness. Walking and running with my dog especially first thing as sunrises is the best antidepressant in the world. We love the birds, and my dog is always under my control. Amend the law to stipulate dogs should be on a lead, that would be much more fair. A total ban is awful, and so heavy handed and does not take into account the wants and needs of a community.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? If one is banned so should the other be. Either both are allowed or none. Fire is fire, poses the same risks whether cultural or not.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered



Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Very very upset with the proposal to ban dogs completely from the beach.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-91

Submitter: **Iain McPhail**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments?

I am an aviation enthusiast who cherish New Zealand's natural beauty. My aircraft, well-suited for landing on unprepared surfaces, frequently use the northern beach area near the Ashley/Rakahuri River mouth. Therefore, I oppose the proposed exclusion of aircraft, particularly microlights, from this beach area as outlined in the planned bylaw amendment.

My primary concern centres around jurisdictional issues raised by the proposed map, extending into the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) below the Mean High-Water Springs (MHWS). We maintain that the Waimakariri District Council lacks authority to regulate aircraft in the CMA under the Land Transport Act 1998. Moreover, policies cited from the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement do not apply to aircraft, further challenging the legal basis for this proposal.

Substantively, we note the following:

Lack of Evidence of Impact:

The 2024 Beach User Survey did not solicit feedback from our club, excluding crucial insights into aircraft operations. Our review indicates no reported issues or complaints regarding microlight landings on the beach.

The 2023 Section 155 Report similarly failed to identify any problems with aircraft operations, reinforcing our stance that our activities do not disrupt beach users or wildlife.

Environmental Impact:

Studies and personal observations indicate minimal disturbance to birdlife in the area, supporting our assertion that our operations do not affect sensitive bird habitats.

Safety and Operational Necessity:

The designated beach area north of the river mouth offers essential safety and operational benefits for microlight aircraft, featuring smooth, firm sands ideal for landings and minimal interference with other beach users.

In alignment with the Local Government Act 2002, our operations contribute positively to managing recreational use, minimizing environmental impact, promoting safety, and preventing nuisance in public spaces.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

Prohibiting aircraft from landing on the beach lacks justification in the absence of evidence supporting such restrictions. I urge the council to reconsider the proposed bylaw amendment based on factual evidence and collaborate with us to explore solutions that balance conservation concerns with our members' recreational needs.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Question 3: Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas ?

I am an aviation enthusiasts who cherish New Zealand's

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

I believe that prohibiting aircraft from landing on the beach is unwarranted due to the absence of evidence supporting such restrictive measures. I strongly urge the council to reconsider the proposed bylaw amendment in light of factual evidence. I am eager to engage in constructive dialogue to find solutions that effectively balance conservation goals with the recreational needs of aviation fraternity .

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-133

Submitter: **Buzz Harvey on behalf of Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club**



CANTERBURY RECREATIONAL AIRCRAFT CLUB SUBMISSION ON THE NORTHERN PEGASUS BAY BYLAW 2024, QUESTION 3

Question 3: Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5).

The Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club (CRAC) is a strong and growing group of people, from a varied range of backgrounds and professions, who share a love of aviation and the natural splendour New Zealand has to offer. The very nature of our aircraft allows us to fly to places other than normal aerodromes, with some aircraft well suited to landing on unprepared strips. One of these places that some of our members often use is the beach area to the north of the Ashley/Rakahuri River mouth. Therefore, we do not agree with the proposal to exclude aircraft (specifically microlight aircraft) from the portion of the beach as outlined in the planned Bylaw amendment.

Importantly, the map showing the area where aircraft landing would be prohibited appears to show an area extending below the Mean High-Water Springs (MHWS), across the coastal marine area (CMA) to the sea. CRAC members do not believe the Waimakariri District Council (WDC) has jurisdiction to make bylaws for the CMA, therefore we question the legal basis for this proposal. It can be argued that WDC is managing the area on behalf of the Department of Conservation (DOC), in accordance with the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010. It can then be proffered that WDC is relying on Policy 20 of the Policy Statement that discusses Vehicle Access. Firstly, the definition of a vehicle is covered in the Land Transport Act 1998, which covers various options of a land vehicle, but with no mention of or description of, an aircraft. Further, given this act is the 'Land' Transport Act, this definition would not appear to apply to aircraft. Therefore, the provisions of Policy 20 of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement cannot be used to justify WDC jurisdiction over aircraft using the CMA. This same principle of the definition of a vehicle applies to sections 22AB(1)(b), 22AB(1)(c), 22AB(1)(f) and 22AB(1)(zk) of the *Land Transport Act 1998*, as referred to in part 1.1 of the draft bylaw. Therefore, these sections of the Land Transport Act have no bearing on aircraft landing and taking off from the subject area.

The remainder of this submission addresses the substantive elements of the proposal but is subject to the question we have raised regarding jurisdiction.

We do not agree with this proposal for the following reasons:

- 1. No evidence beach users consider us a problem**

- i. 2024 Beach User Survey. For some unknown reason, our club was not asked to provide feedback/input to the review. Had we been asked; we could have provided feedback and information to assist with drafting the updated bylaw. The survey mentions various recreational pursuits, including land yachting, but not aircraft. Microlight aircraft use the beach more than Land Yachts and this can lead to a conclusion that there are no issues, and the aircraft operating are virtually unnoticeable and certainly inoffensive in their operation.
- ii. Having reviewed your full user survey, we have not seen a single complaint about microlights landing on the beach. In our experience beach users tend to welcome us and are thrilled to see our small planes land on the beach from time to time. We are very careful not to land in the vicinity of other beach users. Were aircraft specifically mentioned in the feedback received? If so, what are the specific issues with aircraft? If any, we could address those issues directly.
- iii. 2023 Section 155 Report summary The section 155 report, completed in 2023 as part of the administrative/interim review of the bylaw, did not identify any problems, issues or otherwise regarding aircraft operations on the Northern Pegasus beaches. The data within the report came from various sources, including a Canterbury University Study Paper, entitled 'The Impact of Vehicles on Northern Pegasus Bay Beaches (*University of Canterbury GEOG309 research paper - November 2020.*) This report made no mention whatsoever of aircraft operations, again indicating there was no impact, adverse or otherwise, on vehicular (and aircraft by association) operations on the beaches. iv. Further, this report referenced Environment Canterbury (ECan) Rangers Patrol Records, which were reviewed by the Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group at meetings in 2023 to identify any changes or new issues in the quarterly reports. No issues or changes were identified. Aircraft operations were obviously not flagged as an issue. Our pilots have had numerous interactions with Rangers, including taking for one for a flight from the very beach section in question. All Ranger interactions were positive with no problems or issues raised.

2. **No evidence the prohibition is needed to protect birdlife (or any other wildlife)**

- i. i. We have reviewed relevant documentation in detail and have found no evidence to support the prohibition. There are already restrictions that are used to protect birdlife in the area. Indeed, one of the references included in the Section 155 report is the book '*Bird Disturbance from Human Activity*' by Bonnie Kaldor, Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust – September 2019. As this book was published in 2019 there is no new information in this reference that might warrant changes to what currently stands. It also relates to an entirely different area of the coast!
- ii. As for recent feedback on this, we have observed bird habits in the area. The birds present on the foreshore do not appear bothered at all by our operations and often don't even fly off when we are nearby. Banded Dotterel activity has been observed first hand by the writer of this submission at Christchurch International Airport. These birds often nest airside, on the open ground near the taxiways and runways. There are not disturbed by the noise of the aircraft, or mowers operating right up to their nests. Further, another CRAC member is a respected and published soil scientist who has studied bird habits around aircraft, at airports around the world. He has found no evidence that aircraft flying near bird habitats disturbs them in any meaningful way.



(That member has advised he will also be making a submission on this bylaw, to make this point.)

- iii. The impact of our aircraft on the beach and its wildlife is unlikely to be at all significant and is certainly less so than that of vehicles and many other uses of the beach. We fly to the beach from time to time, when the tide is out, only landing on the hard sand between the low and high tide mark. Sensitive bird activity in this area, like feeding and nesting, is only above the high-water mark, in the sand dunes and beyond. Unlike land vehicles, we do not cross the sensitive sand dune area to get to the beach as we approach by air, from the seaward side. We also circuit on the seaward side between landings and endeavour to police ourselves to maintain this. We are more than happy to educate our members further on this procedure.

Our aircraft are limited by CAA rules to 600kg maximum weight which, over 3 wheels, is less than 200kg per wheel. The only aircraft that use the beach area are ones that have the capability to do so. This capability includes low-pressure 'balloon' type tyres (some branded even as 'Pillow-soft'). These larger tyres spread the load and calculations suggest it is equivalent to one front row rugby player walking on the beach. These aircraft also have the capability to take off and land in less than 50 metres.

This particular area of the Northern Pegasus Beaches is very important to our club as it is the safest place for us to operate. Landings and take-offs only occur at low tide, and it is the hard damp sand areas that are used. This area is wide and is always smooth sand. The beach to the immediate north becomes gravelly and has large undulations, making it much less safe to operate from. Whilst the actual surface changes with each tide, the subject area is almost always perfect for aircraft to operate. The beach areas south of the river mouth are also much less desirable, as this is where people like to enjoy the beach in any and all manner of ways. We do not like to operate at all in the vicinity of other beach users. The subject area is very secluded and almost always bereft of other users. We do not land at all if there are others fishing, swimming, walking or whatever other users in the vicinity.

Our club is aware that the proposal to establish/amend this and similar bylaws is made under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002*, specifically Section 145 – “A territorial authority may make bylaws for its district for 1 or more of the following purposes:

- a) *protecting the public from nuisance:*
- b) *protecting, promoting, and maintaining public health and safety:*
- c) *minimising the potential for offensive behaviour in public places.”*

We contribute to none of these issues. However, our operations do align to the aims of section 145 and the Bylaw, as follows:

- manage recreational use: We only operate occasionally, and only at a low tide.
- minimise negative environmental impacts: No environmental impact – there are no birds, dunes or habitat on the foreshore where we operate, between high and low tide marks. Yes, there are Tuatuas, but we are light weight and have very little ground impact.
- promote public health and safety: All pilots are licenced and CRAC promotes safe operations with no landings etc when people are present.



- minimise nuisance and offensive behaviour: nothing offensive. Never had any nuisance feedback, we are low noise etc. Often people are drawn and sometimes get free rides. We are a community orientated organisation.

Why is it important to retain this area - Safety:

This particular area is the best area of the whole coastline for microlight beach landings, right from Sumner through to Amberley Rocks. The areas south of the Ashley River mouth are very often conflicted with other beach users, areas around the actual river mouth are conflicted with fishers and areas to the north of the proposed area have poor terrain, a smaller foreshore footprint, more debris, much more gravel than sand, and constant undulations that make landings unsafe.

Retaining this area promotes safe operations, for the following reasons:

- a. The area is isolated. Pedestrian access to this area is limited, due to the nearby estuary limiting access from the south and private land to the north of the estuary. The nearest road access is approximately 1km to the north. This area is minimally used and would be even less so if the bylaw goes ahead, allowing aircraft to operate very little opportunity for conflict with other beach users.
- b. The area is wide between the high and low tides marks, with very smooth sand. There is very little, or no debris seen in this area.
- c. If aircraft were banned, they could only use other coastal areas that are not covered by the bylaw, but with a much-degraded operational area and very real potential for conflict with other beach users.

These points allow for a reliable and innocuous beach area to operate, with significant positive safety margins. In addition, our aircraft have a very low noise footprint, arguably quieter than the waves crashing, therefore having minimal effect on natural amenity. Aircraft are slow and easily controllable, and all circuits are undertaken out to sea, not over the estuary, with pilots being very aware of the privilege of the area and do not abuse it.

Solutions:

Before solutions can be explored, it would be first prudent to determine the legal basis for the bylaw, to see if the District Council has jurisdiction to make bylaws for the CMA. If it does not, there is no basis for the change detailed in the Bylaw Let's Talk Survey - Question 3. We would also like to see the evidence WDC is relying upon in imposing the restriction on microlight beach operations, as outlined in Question 3.

That said, should it be shown that the council does have jurisdiction, and there is actual evidence to support this change, the following solutions are offered, in order of preference.

Option 1:

Limit the protected area in Schedule 5 (area in brown) to stop at the MHWS, allowing aircraft operations on the CMA, being the foreshore area between the high and low water marks. The simplest solution, which would allow aircraft to operate as discussed above. Should this option be accepted, CRAC would undertake to educate all club pilots on the rules of the bylaw, as they pertain to aircraft operations in this area. This option affords the least administrative burden to all parties.



Option 2:

Develop a user agreement (like the existing agreements for Kite Surfing and Land Yachts) between WDC and CRAC, to allow CRAC pilots to operate in the protected area in Schedule 5 (area in brown) below the MHWS, with aircraft operations only on the CMA, being the foreshore area between the high and low water marks. This option would only authorise CRAC members to operate microlight aircraft in this area.

Option 3:

Introduce a permit access system, with a permit holder displaying a sticker on their aircraft to show authority. Such landing permits would be issued by WDC, but through CRAC to ensure only competent pilots are able to land. This could come with some sort of education package, with the competency endorsement provided by the CRAC Chief Flying Instructor. This option would also only authorise CRAC members to operate microlight aircraft in this area. This option affords significant administrative burden to all parties.

Conclusion

Prohibiting us from landing on the beach is a drastic and heavy-handed measure that is unnecessary, principally as the need for change is unsupported by evidence. We enjoy the natural beauty of New Zealand and wish to see it protected. We would encourage you to engage with us to explore whether any legitimate concerns can be addressed, and to determine a solution suitable to all. As things stand, this proposed prohibition appears to be a knee-jerk reaction to a problem that doesn't appear to exist.

It is crucial to base decisions – and particularly decisions which impose limitations on freedoms currently enjoyed - on sound evidence. That sound evidence is lacking from the current proposal and making decisions that are not rational and well-reasoned exposes the Council to be seen as pandering to small but vocal interest groups.

Accordingly, we urge you to get the fine balance right between restricting our freedoms to enjoy our beautiful country and the need to protect it.

Should the Council have credible evidence that provides a legitimate basis for concern about microlights landing on the beach, we would appreciate the opportunity to engage with the Council to address those concerns and finding solutions that involve the minimum restriction on freedoms needed to address the issues.

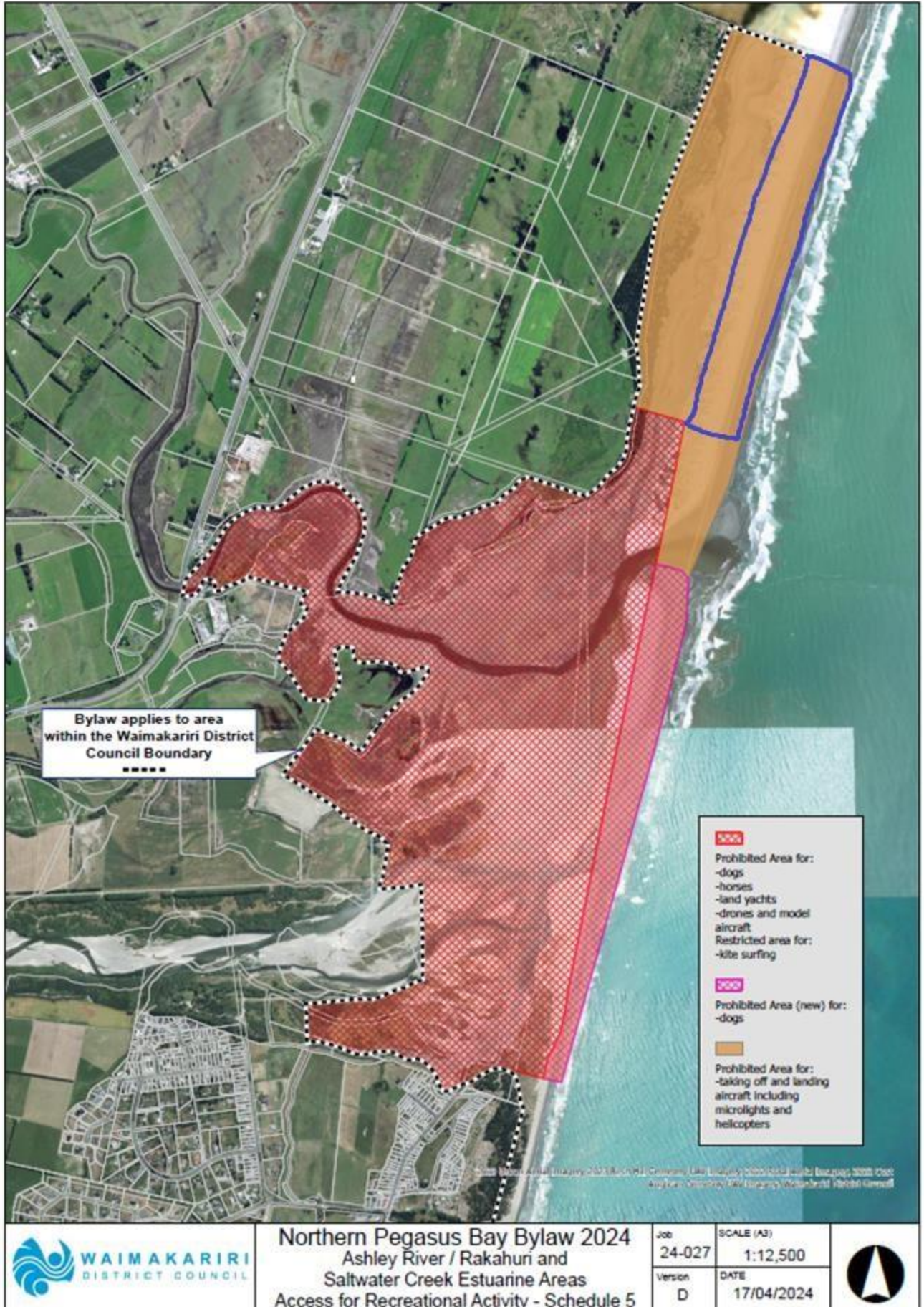
Photographs

Included below is a map of the proposed bylaw areas around the estuary. The area discussed in this submission is highlighted with a blue outline.

Also included are photographs showing the aircraft of the beach, in the area in question. The last photograph shows how the beach surface changes to undulating gravel. This is just north of this area discussed, but south of the Ashworths road district border. This makes obvious the increased level of danger through an unsuitable landing area.

I would like to be heard in person, regarding this submission.

19 June 2024







NPBB24-15

Submitter: **Anna McKenzie**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-30

Submitter: **Thomas Jones**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments?

That doesn't really mean anything without context, what a political statement.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments?

In the whole time I have lived at the beach I have seen 1 aircraft land on the river.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments?

On the beach (not the estuary where they nest) how many birds exactly have been destroyed by dogs?

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments?

HUGE NO and I think every dog owner in waikuku will agree. What is the point in living by the beach if you can't walk your dog on it. The birds are rarely even there. The Rivercare group has gone to far, I used to be a supporter but now I can't stand them they can't apply basic common sense.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? I good bonfire on the beach is a kiwi right, what is the problem if it is below the hightide line?

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Unsure

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

How about actually policing the issues, 4x4s etc driving on the estuary. When these are reported nothing is done also dumping of rubbish on the river bed. Why not install trail cameras, instead of just banning all the responsible people and dog owners from enjoying the environment they live by.

I have lost all respect for the river care group as well as waimak council dan Gordon never delivers anything to the community we have been voicing concerns with drainage for years and it falls on deaf ears, maybe we should ban him from our estuary.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-83

Submitter: **David Stenhouse**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? I agree with this provided the addition of the clause is not used as a reason to ban dogs from the beach area.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments?

I don't have a strong view on this but believe that aircraft should be prohibited from taking off and landing on the Waikuku side of the river mouth. However I believe that aircraft should be able to take off and land on the north side of the river mouth. My reasons for this are:

- that the birds on the spit are unaffected by aircraft on approach from the south with the intention of landing on the north side of the river mouth,
- the aircraft that take off and land on the north side of the river mouth are microlight type aircraft with a low noise profile.
- The aircraft that take off and land on the north side of the river mouth generally approach from the south over the sea so aren't actually over the beach until close to the north side of the river mouth.

Oddly I've never seen an aircraft take off to the south from the north side of the river mouth but if the concern is the birds on the spit, then that could be a good compromise i.e. prescribing that the aircraft can only approach from the south and take off to the north,

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments?

I believe strongly that the estuary area should be declared a Nature Reserve and should be protected as such. To this end I believe that all fishing and duck shooting should be prohibited within the estuary area. For me this would include whitebaiting as we know that wild whitebait stocks are declining across NZ year on year so protecting the area would help secure a crucial food source for birds and other marine life, as well as allow the whitebait to grow to maturity.

It seems to me that declaring the estuary a Nature Reserve would be supported by the vast majority of people. Duck shooters and fishers are both damaging the birdlife in the estuary area. There have now been a number of incidents where duck shooters have shot Spoonbills, Herons, and Biterns in the area. This aside from the fact that the gunshots occur all year round and are a major disturbance for bird life in the estuary and dunes.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? I strongly disagree with this proposed change. There is no evidence at all of birds being attacked on the beach by dogs and anecdotal evidence only of birds changing nesting spots. It is completely feasible that rather than dogs causing the changing of nesting spots that it is part of the natural process for those birds.

I personally have been walking down to the spit along the beach regularly for the past 24 years (or more actually) and in that time I have not seen a single issue with dogs and birds, and neither has anyone I know.

I note that even the biggest proponent for birdlife in Waikuku, the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group do not propose a ban on dogs along the beach in their submission report. What they ask for in their Management/ Improvement Needed section at the end of the report is the following:

- Improvement of signage
- More enforcement of the existing bylaw
- Increased education
- Development of a volunteer group

I agree with all of these suggestions, particularly the improved signage and the education. To this end there seems to be two main places that people access the estuary area with dogs. The first is at the northern carpark to the left when walking to the beach and the second from the beach side at the end of the vegetation where the old river mouth used to be. In both cases a large triangle sign with the words dogs prohibited in estuary area would be a vast improvement. There are large yellow triangle signs at Owhiro Bay in Wellington which denote the Marine Reserve which could be used as template. They are around 1.5m in height and there is no missing them. If it is proven that there is an issue at the Spit then a similar sign could be placed at the spit to say that it is a valuable bird habitat and that dogs should be on a lead or kept more than 20m away from resting birds.

In terms of education I find it deeply ironic that the biggest and brightest sign at the estuary/ beach area is the sign proposing the banning of dogs on the beach. Imagine if there were a few such signs instead showing people some of the amazing birdlife, identifying their endangered or threatened status and highlighting the potential damage dogs can do. I think better still why wouldn't the Council fund the creation of a container information centre that could be positioned at the northern car park. Done right, an information centre could be a fantastic low cost education facility and be used to create awareness within the wider community. Such a facility could be manned by volunteers, or potentially unmanned, and opened and closed by volunteers. It could be funky, artistic and a bit of a landmark as well as an educational facility. It could even be used for schools etc I'd estimate it could be put in place for around \$30K

To summarise, the proposed banning of dogs in the beach area feels to me like lazy tick box policy and by this I mean that anyone in government or local government knows it is far easier to legislate than it is to educate. But bylaws aren't generally that effective and there is considerable evidence of them not bringing people along with them and as such being ignored. Whereas education and signage does work because it engages with people..

I've spoken with two local Council people and it worries me that the result of this consultation seems to be premediated. It would be interesting from a legal perspective to understand the ramifications of a Council pre-determining a consultation process and I

sincerely hope that it isn't the case. But either way I believe that the Council should take a step back and use the review as an opportunity to educate, inform and be innovative.

It has been said to me that there are tens of kms of alternate beaches for dog walkers. I don't agree with this statement. If you travel south from the northern carpark along the beach you get to the surf club where dogs are not allowed with 50m, then between Waikuku and Pegasus the beach is increasingly populated with people, and further south horses are now trained between Pegasus and Kairaki. In contrast the beach north of the northern carpark to the spit attracts few people and no horses, and I repeat there is no documented evidence of any issue. Any ban must surely require documented evidence of an issue..

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? I don't think there is enough information provided as to why this should occur? ie is it the fire risk, or the perceived disturbance of birds, or the difficulty in getting fire brigade vehicles there? And how does a cultural cooking fire differ in terms of risk than say a campfire for cooking marshmallows on the beach?

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments?

I don't know what this is and the documentation does not seem to explain it.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

I am very concerned that by proposing banning dogs from the beach area from the carpark to the Spit, the Council is not considering the distinct lack of evidence that dogs are causing any issue on the beach, and instead is acquiescing to the emotive based views of a minority of bird advocates.

Being a bird lover and a dog owner are not mutually exclusive and in all my years of walking down the beach I have watched dog owners keep their dogs away from birds and other marine life without exception. This tells me that any issue is both isolated and exceptional. And that's where education and signage will provide a better outcome, as rather than dividing a community as a ban would do it will bring the community along together.

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- It is important to understand that a collection of photos does not in itself represent evidence. It is my direct experience that I have never witnessed an issue between dogs and birds on the beach north of the carpark despite me having walked down there each weekend for a quarter of a century. The group of photos in the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group submission report serves to suggest that there are many many dogs down there chasing birds. There categorically are not...
- At least one of the photos of dogs on the beach in the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group submission report has been around a long time, I'm concerned that more may

also be. If, for example the photos are old and relate to isolated incidences in the past, it is not even remotely possible to assume that there is an issue today. In addition it is now easy to doctor images using AI to reinforce a point..

- •The Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group submission report highlights resting and nesting areas and hypothesises that birds in the dunes and the spit are adversely affected by dogs. The report attempts to present evidence that banded dotterel nests have been abandoned because of dogs, however, it is more likely that the nesting site close to the beach carpark was abandoned because of people walking in the dunes. In my experience dogs don't naturally head for the dunes there, they stay on the beach and much prefer it. People however frequently walk through the dunes. Similarly the other abandoned nesting sites are more likely to have been abandoned because of the changing river mouth and the tidal/ wave action further down toward the spit. If you frequent the area you will be aware that the river mouth has shifted a long way north over the past few years, and as well high tides and severe wave action have at various times completely inundated the sand spit area. Both these events will have likely compromised nesting sites. As an example of the river mouth moving, in the past 3 weeks the river mouth has moved north by around 200m.
- •We have recently returned from a short break in Wellington. 3 days in a row we walked down the beach at Owhiro Bay to the seal colony which is about 35 minutes walk from the information centre/ carpark. The beginning of walk is clearly signed as a Marine Reserve and there are also signs that dogs must be on leads. On each of the three days we walked there we saw many dogs and not one was on a lead. I talked to a local who lived in one of the baches by the seal colony and he said there is a bylaw and DOC rangers come down there but that they don't police the dogs unless they see a dog seeing something that it shouldn't be. They accept that most dogs don't actually do any damage and that most owners are responsible. It's a perfect example of a of a bylaw being a complete waste of time and it being better to educate to ensure that owners are responsible for their dogs and ensure that their dogs are acting appropriately.
- •Today I walked down the beach and counted just 12 black backed gulls (the black backed gulls that Rivercare wants controlled), and 6 Oystercatchers along the whole stretch of beach. Thiis is completely normal. The beach area was about 30-40m from ocean to dune and there was no likelihood at all of a dog on the beach going near the dunes. Walking along the beach if the blackback gulls were disturbed then they simply flew into the air and either flew 20 or so metres ahead or flew behind. Same with the oystercatchers, except that they didn't fly. All were in the water and just walked further forward, or walked behind. Both types of birds were completely unaffected and showed no sign of stress at all. At the spit there were hundreds of birds on the estuary side of the spit and 6 Black back gulls on the beach side. And that's the thing if dogs are prohibited from the estuary then it should include the estuary side of the spit because that's where the birds congregate, not on the beach side. And the birds on the estuary side of the spit are completely oblivious to any dogs on the beach side because they are so far away.
- •I'd like to call out the fallacy that I've heard council staff mention in relation to the proposed ban of dogs. This fallacy is that there are tens of kms of beaches that people can walk their dogs down instead of the northern beach. If a dog walker is to come out onto the beach from the northern carpark and turn right instead of left they are automatically on a populated piece of beach. And then technically, according the existing bylaw a dog walked can't actually walk past the surf club because of the 50m rule. That's further than the surf club to the ocean. Past the surf club it becomes even more worrisome to walk dogs freely because horses now come all the way up the

beach to Waikuku and go all the way down the beach to Pines Beach. And its actually worse than that because there is a mix of pleasure horse riders, many of whom who are novices, riding and highly strung race horses being trained. The horses and dogs simply don't mix and there have been many serious injuries and close calls at the beach because of this. So the reality is that there aren't tens of kms of beaches to walk a dog on at all. Many dogs also don't interact well with other dogs or people they don't know so forcing them into a constrained space is asking for problems which the Council will have to deal with.

To close, I have some questions:

1. Is the issue with dogs a perception one based more on emotion rather than actual fact/ evidence? To many of us this would seem to be the case..
2. Why don't the Council look closely at the management recommendations in the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group submission report and adopt those to see if they are ultimately effective?
3. Why, when the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group submission report does not call for a ban on dogs on the beach are the Council proposing one? Sure they would probably happily jump on that band wagon, but they have not actually asked for dogs to be banned so how is it that the Council is even proposing it?
4. Shouldn't the Council try and enforce its existing bylaws before changing them. For instance there are still 4wds hurtling down the beach at 80km/h. There are dozens of motorbikers and 4wders that hoon around the riverbed/ estuary area with no repercussion at all. The riverbed and estuary area are where the majority of nesting areas are, not on the northern beach, and yet it goes on unabated. Is it that dog walkers are an easier target perhaps? Maybe the Council figure they are likely to be less aggressive, or more compliant and then it can be publicised as a success, while the real problems go unaddressed.
5. Shouldn't the Council concentrate on things like storm water in the Waikuku area instead of banning dogs that are causing no problem on the northern beach. There is a massive stormwater issue that has been caused by the Council's negligence in not ensuring that Pegasus's stormwater was properly dealt with. The Taranaki stream is at least 40cm higher than it was pre Pegasus at all times and when there is high rainfall it is too high to allow the stormwater from Waikuku into it. And there's addition of Northside Country and now consent has been given to a new subdivision on Gressons Rd. Presumably the stormwater from the Gressons Rd subdivision will go into the nearby stream which is a tributary of the Taranaki. These are the critical things the Council should be addressing in preference to banning dogs from the beach because climate change is making weather events less predictable and if there is a really high rainfall event the Council will have consented a whole lot of subdivisions which will have knowingly caused Waikuku to be inundated, when it wouldn't have been prior..
6. Finally I'd like to ask the Council to consider wellbeing. If the Council goes ahead with the proposed ban it will divide the Waikuku community. There is literally that strength of feeling and it actually goes beyond Waikuku as a lot of people from Rangiora, Woodend and Kaiapoi come to the beach to walk their dogs. And people being out on the beach is good for their wellbeing, people being out on the beach with their dogs is good for the wellbeing of the person and the dog. As the region faces population pressures it is important that the Council doesn't just ban activities, preventing people from enjoying, relaxing, recharging, it's important that it uses innovative ways to approach issues that don't restrict peoples freedom but instead enables it. This is why signage and education are so important in relation to this issue, as people would

be asked taught about the issue and asked to respect the birds while still being able to enjoy the freedom of the beach with their dogs.

One last point. The Council could implement geo fencing to text reminder messages to mobile phones that enter the restricted areas. Ie a message could be sent to anyone entering the estuary area that dogs are prohibited, heck it could even give a reason why. A similar thing could be done at the spit and possibly the dunes ie at the spit it could say something like you've entered a bird sanctuary area please ensure that your dogs are at least 30m away from any resting birds or whatever.

There might need to be a legal view got in relation to privacy but I'm not sure it would be a problem because the Council would not have to know anything about the owner of the device, just that the device had entered the area. I do quite a lot of work in the technology space so if you need a feasibility study done, or a piece of scoping work I'd happily do it.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-98

Submitter: **Russell Clifford**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No response

Q2. Any comments? UNCLEAR OF THE "OVERALL PURPOSE OF BYLAW" BUT THE HUMAN AND FAMILY RIGHTS OF PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE DISREGARDED - OUR DOGS ARE PART OF OUR FAMILY!!

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? NO TO REMOVING THEIR RIGHTS. AS WITH DOGS ANYWHERE AS LONG AS THE OWNERS HAVE THEM UNDER EFFECTIVE CONTROL NOTHING SHOULD BE CHANGED - THIS IS A PEOPLE ISSUE ONLY!!

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? ABSOLUTELY NOT - BOTH MYSELF, FAMILY (AND FRIENDS) HAVE FOR THE FORTY FIVE YEARS WE HAVE LIVED IN WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT EXERCISED AND SWUM WITH OUR DOGS AT OUR LOCAL BEACHES - WE ALSO TRAIN THEM AT THE BEACH.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? AGAIN THIS IS A PEOPLE ISSUE AND SOME PEOPLE SHOULDN'T HAVE FIRES AT ALL.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? AGAIN THIS IS A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND ALL PEOPLE SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO USE THESE AREAS WITHIN THE LAW STATUTES.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? AS LONG AS THE HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL DOESN'T RESTRICTIVELY CHANGE THEIR BYLAWYS/RULES

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? OUR DOGS, AS WITH OTHER FAMILIES' ARE PART OF OUR FAMILY AND ENJOY A DAY AT THE BEACH PLAYING, SWIMMING AND EXERCISING WITH US. IN FACT, QUITE OFTEN IT IS OTHER PEOPLE'S CHILDREN WHO FRUSTRATE BEACH USERS AND NOT OUR DOGS. WALKING FROM WAIKUKU CAR PARK TO MOUTH OF THE ASHLEY RIVER IS SUPERB FOR MEETING AND WALKING WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND OUR ASSOCIATED DOGS.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-101

Submitter: **Karen Fox**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? This takes away freedom of residents and visitors.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

- Strongly disagree on exhibiting dogs on the beach.
- Why take away Freedom?
- What is the change recently to show that dogs are the problem?
- Is this bylaw to keep everyone at home?

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-126

Submitter: Rita Martin

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? With the exception of emergency planes/helicopters for rescue etc.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Would like to see all vehicles prohibited in this area, as they cause more destruction to the estuary.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Fires, cultural cooking fires and braziers on the beach are safe. Fireworks on the other hand cannot be controlled and should not be allowed.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

There is no need for vehicles to be allowed on beach or sand dunes with exception of emergency vehicles and surf life savers. By vehicles, I also mean quad bikes, motorbikes, 4WD, beach buggies etc. Most of these driven around Waikuku are also unregistered and do not observe the speed limits. These vehicles (quad bikes, motorbikes, 4WD, beach buggies



etc.) have also been driving through the forest and dunes - causing havoc with the fragile eco system. Controlled dogs and humans do not cause this kind of destruction to the environment.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-31

Submitter: **Christian Cosgrove on behalf of Young Birders New Zealand**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Rare and unique birds such as the wrybill, far-eastern curlew and black stilt are often found in the estuary.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? I did hear gunshots on the 9th of June while birding. Surely hunting is banned in the estuary and surrounding areas. Otherwise it should be.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? A lot of the dogs that go to the estuary often come from the beach portion of the spit.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Only during an open fire season.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? I had not known of such an agreement.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes



NPBB24-135

Submitter: **Andrew Thompson on behalf of Woodend-Sefton Community Board**

To: Waimakariri District Council
Submission: Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024
From: Woodend-Sefton Community Board
Contact: Kay Rabe (Governance Adviser) com.board@wmk.govt.nz (on behalf of the Board)

The Woodend-Sefton Community Board (the Board) would like to thank the Council for the opportunity to give feedback on the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024.

The Board would like to be heard.

General

The Board submitted on the review of the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw (see attached) and after further discussion have agreed that the Board strongly supports the proposed changes and reiterates its thoughts included in its original submission.

The Board congratulates the staff for a very well run submission process, ensuring a wide range of responses being received.

The Board thanks the Council for the opportunity to provide input into this process.

Andrew Thompson
Board Representative for the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw Advisory Group
Woodend-Sefton Community
Board



Previous submission for your information.

While the Board does not want to detract from resident's enjoyment of this natural recreational asset it does also wish to protect the fragile ecosystems the beach supports. Two of the highest risks to these ecosystems, especially near the Ashley River estuary, are vehicles and dogs. The Board supports limiting vehicles on the beach which can, in some instances, pose a risk to others using the beach. The Board would prefer if only essential workers and anglers/whitebaiters were allowed access. The reduction of vehicles on beaches can only improve the environment not only for ecosystems but also the enjoyment of other users of the beach.

The Board acknowledges that walking dogs on the beach is an enjoyable and healthy activity however supports prohibiting all dogs from the sensitive ecological areas and bird breeding grounds around the Ashley estuary and wetlands. While dogs chasing birds seems a harmless pastime and good exercise for the dogs it does endanger nests and eggs as well as causing the birds stress during the breeding season.

The Board would like to recommend that all vehicles and dogs be prohibited from the area north of the public carpark at Waikuku Beach with appropriate and obvious signage to that effect. The Board would also like to recommend that a recognised volunteer group be established to monitor the estuary and to assist in educating the public on the damage to this sensitive area and danger that dogs and vehicles pose.

Another area of concern is the Waimakariri District Council's western boundary of the 'Saltwater Creek Ashley River Estuarine' areas and recommends that further restrictions and enforcement on cars and dogs be introduced to protect the biodiversity of the area.

Horses

The Board would like to thank commercial horse trainers at Woodend Beach for complying with the restrictions that this bylaw places on them and would like to suggest that more obvious signage to alert people that they are entering a training area be considered. With so many new residents to the area, some people may venture into this area without knowing that it includes horses traveling at speed.

The Board thanks you once again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw.

Woodend-Sefton Community
Board

NPBB24-138

Submitter: **Andrew Thompson**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? I'd prefer not to include "and cultural value" and just have "natural" added because I note very little involvement of the local Rūnanga in the Bylaw. I therefore do not wish to speak for them, nor do I wish to reward a lack of commitment to an important

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Yes, aircraft will disturb endangered birds and other arrangements/areas should be used to allow for this skills to be learned. The impact is not acceptable. These take off/landings manoeuvres occur a number of times per annum.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Illogical and inconsistent with the purpose of the Bylaw. All dogs should be prohibited from estuary and associated beach/spit. And, shooting should be prohibited for same reason.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Definitely. The risk and potential adverse impact justifies a small restriction on this one group of beach users. This logic exists now as regards the restriction on dogs in estuary - extension justifies based on risk to endangered bird species.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Provided scope to obtain exemption from Council remains. I do wonder how the permitted use of the exemption is communicated to residents, other beach users?

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? The lack of engagement from the Trustees is deplorable. It also undermines the effectiveness of the Bylaw if provision for agreement remains. Better to remove this requirement and deal with Trustees proactively if and when they chose to engage.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Definitely. HDC governs the area immediately adjacent to Bylaw so out of respect and for pragmatic operations appropriate. I also note HDC active engagement with Bylaw is commendable.

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RECEIVED 23 JUNE 2024

Submission on Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw Review 2024

The area governed by the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw (NPBB) is amazing and enjoyed by many (species) – people walking, swimming etc and other species that live there.

There is accepted recognition that the Ashley Rakahuri Estuary and adjacent area is significant as a habitat for a range of threatened (indigenous) birds. There is also mounting evidence that wildlife like those birds is under increasing pressure with growing human population and associated development. This pressure on shared use of the Ashley Rakahuri Estuary will increase further as the population of Waimakariri District grows as forecast and residents across the district enjoy this area.

Core to the bylaw is our enjoyment of the area and balancing differing uses including protection of the natural values. The Bylaw has established mechanisms to manage this balance (between those walking and vehicles, dogs), allowing use in some areas but restricting use in other areas where conflict or confusion between user groups could occur.

The risk posed by Dogs

The nature of conflict with the rare and endangered birds is not fully appreciated – Mauling a bird is not the main risk as disturbance has been shown to have long lasting adverse implications for some of these birds. Dogs are shown to be a common source of serious adverse impact, and good dog owners in my experience do not comprehend that one instance of disturbance by their dogs having fun/ doing what’s instinctive can have serious effects. This risk is acknowledged by Council as referred to page 6 of the Let’s Talk brochure.

It's fair that dogs together with their owners are able to walk and run on beaches in the NPBB area. There are vast areas of beach available to dogs and their owners to roam and run along the beach, dunes and in the water. Under the proposed Bylaw changes dog owners still have vast areas to use and enjoy – they can park at the Northern Waikuku beach car park and turn right when they hit the beach and walk for perhaps 10kms to the south with their dogs off the leash provided they are “under control”. However, to give the birds and other creatures a better shot at life it is proposed that they are denied access to a lesser strip of beach perhaps 2km long and some 200m wide (varies as the Ashely Rakahuri river mouth moves).

As I said at the first panel hearing, I do not believe that this additional restriction on dogs/ owners is unreasonable – it’s the compromise necessary, and of the nature envisaged from the outset in the NPBB, to allow one user (species of endangered birds) to use and enjoy the area.



This is no different in principle than the compromise accepted by Horse trainers to restrict their activity to a defined area. For this same reason vehicle access has been restricted to prevent harmful effect on humans enjoying the beach and vehicle impact on indigenous wildlife.

Why should dog owners expect unrestricted access to the entire beach area under the NPB Bylaw? Especially when there is evidence that their enjoyment has an adverse effect on others?

There is an expectation that dog owners have their dogs “under control”, and I am often reminded by local dog owners that this is the case all the time that they walk their dogs on the beach. I respectfully suggest this is not correct. There are many that state that ECan and WDC data suggests that there is a low level of dogs not “under control” on the beaches. I beg to differ and offer up a number of points of reference:

- Pictures taken by Grant Davey while bird watching in that area where the prohibition is proposed and presented in the recent public consultation
- Incidents reported to Ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz (acknowledging potential significant under reporting of incidents)
- Personal observations over the 12 years I have lived at Waikuku beach
- What is a standing joke in the local Waikuku Beach community, which is the stream of Facebook posts by residents looking for the owners of dogs roaming around the village (and hence not “under control”). I attach three such posts logged Friday and Saturday June 21/22. I suggest that if dog owners repeatedly allow dogs to roam (not under control) from their homes it is hard to believe that they will be always under control in the wide-open space offered on the beaches

I assume that the combined estuary plus adjacent beach provides a more viable area for birds to live and prosper, and also simpler to manage and communicate with users including dog owners. The beach naturally runs into the estuary for much of the area northern spit. I personally have encountered dogs and dog owners who have not understood this blurred distinction.

I find it impossible to believe that with the evidence on the precarious state of the bird population and growing numbers of users, Council will not look to further restrict dog access to this area (acknowledging that dog owners and other users have large other areas to enjoy). I also believe that the total prohibition is the most robust restriction to administer, monitor and communicate.

If Council wishes to restrict further but allow some dog access to the spit I suggest there are several factors that must be borne in mind:

- Absolute minimum level of restriction is prohibition of all Dogs in bird Breeding season
- Out of season dogs should be on a lead

If this approach were adopted, ECan and WDC must provide additional funding from the outset to allow for effective:

- Monitoring of adherence of the rules
- Education of beach users including signage and Ranger engagement



Otherwise I submit that the evidence demands that the risk of the adverse impact of dogs disturbing the birds necessitates that access to the Northern spit must be totally prohibited as per the panels' initial recommendation.

Other Issues

There are two other anomalies in the current plan which are activities that disturb the birds, and the Panel has recommended restrictive changes that I support:

1. Aircraft

Planes landing on the spit

- a. We all know that planes are noisy and move faster than many birds. The current allowance for them to land and practice beach landings is now no longer consistent with the plan objectives given public values
- b. I note that there were four planes that had multiple practice landings and then landed to enjoy the scene together in late May.
- c. At this exact moment (10:21am Saturday 21st) a small plane has just done three practice landings on the northern section of the spit (fly north, drop down to within metres of beach then pull up, turn around and do same again). I note that I can clearly see that there are birds disturbed in this exercise, flying around the plane.

2. Duck shooting

- a. I concur with the panel recommendation that these people no longer be permitted to use dogs in the estuary
- b. PLUS: Its logical and appropriate now to prohibit duck shooting in the estuary – shooting must disturb the birds, and there is demand for sources of disturbance to be reduced. Disturbance even outside of breeding season is not consistent with the purpose of the bylaw.
- c. The small number of users over the years means no real loss of rights (one person shooting at this moment, Sunday 23rd 8am. Second shooter I've heard this year)

In Summary

The stunning beaches and estuary covered by the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw are enjoyed by many and are almost universally seen as precious. There are now a small number of inconsistencies' that are correctly being addressed.

Dog owners have vast areas of beach and surrounding space within NPB Bylaw area to enjoy open space with limited interference from others. There are also many other areas of open space adjacent to the Bylaw space that are routinely enjoyed by those dogs and their owners. Endangered bird species do not have that opportunity – they show they can only live in one specific area, most removed from human activity. A relatively small encroachment of dog owners' current rights in one area to further protect endangered species, is in my view reasonable and in keeping with the purpose of the Bylaw.



Furthermore, ignoring the issue of conflict between endangered species and human & dog activity is not acceptable. And making a decision based on a small number of dog owners who make assertions without balance or facts is inconsistent with the purpose of the Bylaw and broader societal expectations.

The panel will want to be careful to look through 'loud voices' advocating on issues that are important to them but have broader (and adverse) impacts - We saw that recently here in Waikuku Beach recently with the heated discussion around removal of the *Macrocarpa* hedge on Park Terrace South. Council stuck with the logical reasoning that shaped their decision and feedback I have received after the decision is uniformly positive on that decision.

NPBB24-18

Submitter: **Ryan Humphreys**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? No, I full agree with preventing aircraft taking off and landing within the estuary. But extending this to the beach I believe is unnecessary. Aircraft have a very minimal effect on the environment. And birds do not amass on the foreshore. They amass in the estuary. The area in schedule 5 will just move aircraft that want to land on the beach to the only suitable spots which is south of the estuary.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No response

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Yes, fire question in survey should be split into 2 questions.



Also very concerned community user groups for aircraft were not consulted before the draft. And no distinction in the initial survey report for aircraft. Was the aircraft metric merged with the vehicle metric?

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-33

Submitter: **Grant Davey on behalf of the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Dogs are not compatible with the precious birdlife that depends on this area for feeding and nesting.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not sure about this. The Fenton Reserve is longstanding and important to the local iwi.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? It is time for some 21st century environmental attitudes regarding the Ashley estuary.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-131

 Submitter: **Kevin Roche on behalf of the Northern Pegasus Bay (Hurunui) Coastcare Inc.**


North Pegasus Bay (Hurunui) Coastcare inc

WAIMAKAIRI DC NORTHERN PEGASUS BAY BYLAW REVIEW

Submission By:

Northern Pegasus Bay (Hurunui) Coastcare Inc

The Northern Pegasus Bay (Hurunui) Coastcare Inc appreciates the opportunity to make the following submission on the review of the Waimakariri DC (WDC) Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw. As our submission does not fit within the survey format provided in the WDC web site we have therefore provided a submission, (as allowed by Section 156 of The Local Government Act 2002), on the issue that we are directly concerned with.

Background

The Society was established in January 2023 and has an area of interest stretching from the southern boundary of the Hurunui DC, (HDC) (a bit north of the Ashley River mouth), to the “Rocks” north of the Waipara River, which is some 15km in length.

Its objectives include protecting existing flora and fauna in the coastal zone, increasing biodiversity, predator trapping, and promoting safe recreational use that does not harm the natural environment.

The particular area of interest to our Society in respect to the Waimakariri DC Bylaw review is the area of beach to the south of the MV access to Ashworths Beach as far as the Hurunui DC’s southern boundary and also the area of beach within the Waimakariri DC area to the Ashley Rakahuri River mouth zone. **(see Map 1)**

MV access to the “Saltwater creek” area mentioned in Waimakariri DC proposed draft bylaw is only possible via the road past the “Better Half Café “at Ashworths Beach and then along the beach in the Hurunui DC Bylaw zone and through the Waimakariri DC (WDC) zone, about 1.2 kms from the access point.

The current position is that while motor bikes and 4WDs on a “tiki tour” are legal in the Hurunui DC bylaw area when they cross over into the WDC Bylaw zone they are not. There



are, however, no markers or signage of any description (**see Photo 2**) to show the change of local authority, or that different rules apply from the HDC area.

The main theme of our submission is that if the Waimakariri DC has different rules from the HDC it needs to make these clearly known by signage and markers and be prepared to have an education/ enforcement process.

Many Hurunui DC residents from the Leithfield area travel down along the beach to the north bank of the Ashley River mouth for fishing or whitebaiting and are impacted by the provisions of the WDC Bylaw. Also, as both the CCC and Waimakariri DC have banned motorcycles on their beaches a number of motorcycle riders from Christchurch and Rangiora etc now visit the Hurunui DC area for recreational riding and often ride in the dune areas causing damage. As has been said birds are not aware of Council boundaries!

This whole area has high biodiversity values with many bird species and rare native plants at risk from MV intrusion, yet there is no signage anywhere in this Waimakariri DC area advising of its bylaw requirements and that these have changed from the Hurunui DC at the Council boundaries. Hurunui DC signage at the Ashworths Beach entrance is solely directed to its own Bylaw requirements. (**See Photo 3**)

The HDC is due to review its Bylaw in July 2025, but the content of any new Bylaw cannot be assumed at this stage. Hence, we feel our suggestion regarding markers and signage are still valid.

We would like to have the opportunity to speak to our submission.

Table 1

Hurunui DC Bylaw	Waimak DC Bylaw	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ MVs are only allowed below the last high tide mark except when impractical to do so. ☐ Some exceptions e.g. Leithfield Beach 4wd track to the north to the Kowai River. ☐ Motorcycles are allowed on beaches below the high tide mark ☐ Recreational driving is allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Motorcycles are not allowed on beaches ☐ Recreational driving only is not allowed. ☐ MVs are allowed below the last high tide mark (unless unsafe to do so) but for the sole purpose of <u>boat launching, whitebaiting, fishing and food gathering only.</u> 	<p>Waimak is much more restrictive by comparison e.g.:</p> <p>No motor bikes on beaches.</p> <p>No 4WD driving just for fun. No dogs in some areas.</p>

Kevin Roche
Secretary NPB(H)CC Inc

Photo 1: HDC and WDC Boundary Map South of Ashworths Beach Road

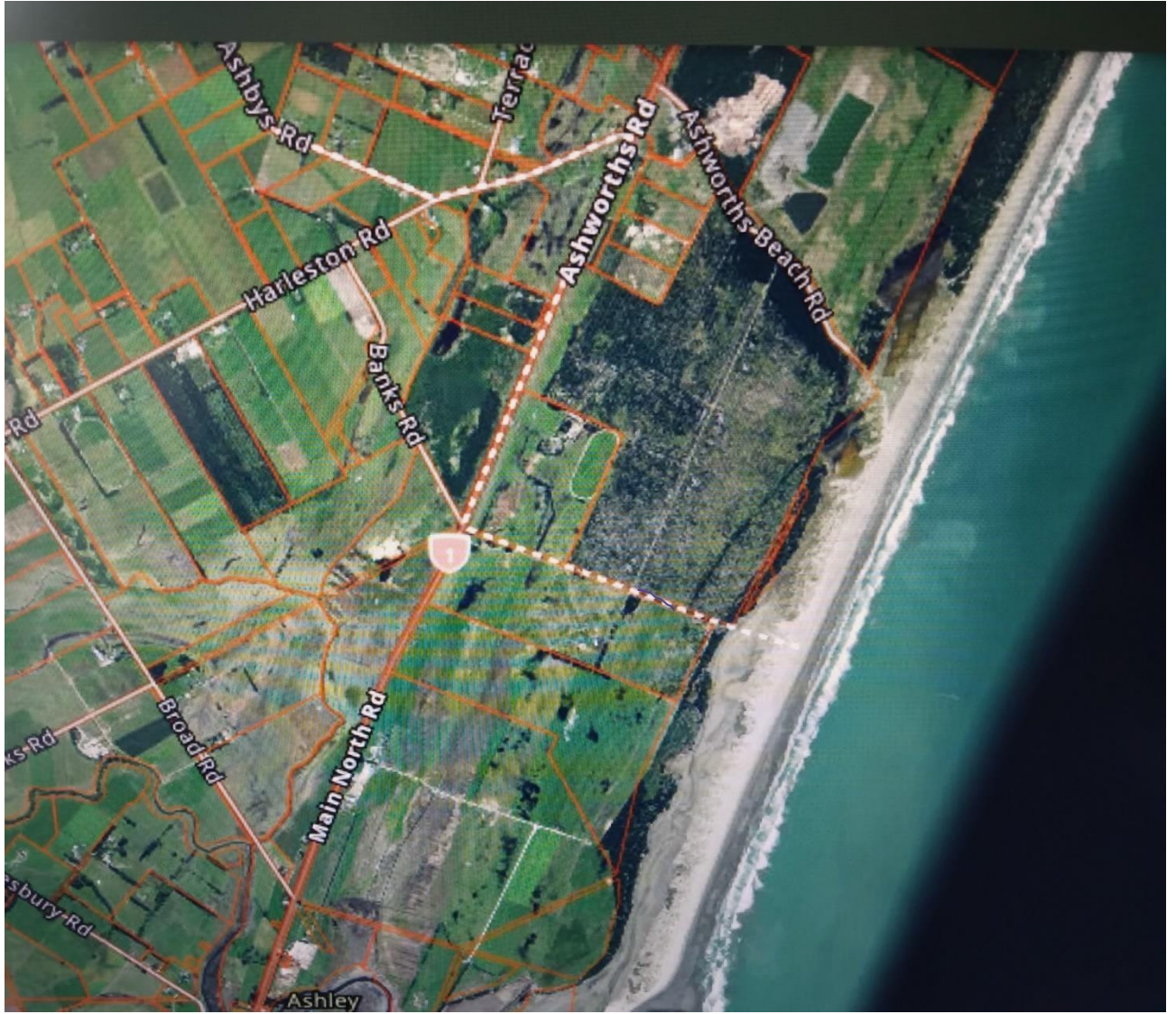


Photo 2 – Ashworths Beach - Boundary HDC and WDC



HDC Signage Ashworths Beach Entrance



NPBB24-17

Submitter: **Michael Glen**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments?

Yes indeed I see this as an obligation of the council to protect our precious wildlife and habitat of the estuarine environment.

I however don't feel this should extend to microlights landing on our foreshore (between high and low tides).

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments?

Reviewing your full survey of users of the area I did not see one complaint about microlights landing on the beach.

As a committee members of Cant Recreational Aircraft club we have gone to great lengths to discourage fellow members from landing on the river bed during bird nesting season and from flying over the estuary. We have promulgated your river and estuary map to our members regularly.

We fly to the beach perhaps once a month and only when the tide is out. We land and take off in under 50 meters and do not cross the sensitive sand dune area to access the beach as other vehicles have to. We avoid flying over the estuary and come to the beach from the sea.

Our planes are limited by CAA rules to 600kg maximum weight which over 3 wheels is less than 200kg per wheel. Large wheels spread the load and without physics calculations suggest it is equivalent to one front row rugby player walking on the beach.

Of the 17000 km of NZ beach it is unlikely that our plane foot print is harming the shellfish populace.

Finally I feel that restricting access to our beloved and sacrosanct foreshore has been a major debate in NZ politics over many years and in my concern is this is likely to spark a judicial review.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? I see no reason to prohibit dogs on leads but free roaming dogs not under control may well cause damage to sensitive nesting sites. No such thing as bad dogs just owners without skills or desire to control them.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Plenty of other areas available. Hopefully fireworks to be banned from private use.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? No knowledge of these agreements so unable to comment.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Having read the bylaw it seems to allow a sensible balance between user freedom to enjoy our beaches with protecting valuable natural environment. No bylaw from the Hurunui council to ban microlights from landing on the beach yet.

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Please get the fine balance right between restricting our freedoms to enjoy our beautiful country and the need to protect it.

Rules can not replace personal responsibility and care.

Thank you for all the time and effort your team puts into this project.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-128

Submitter: **Doug Guthrie on behalf of the Ashley Fishermen's Association**

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Protecting the birds and the environment is very important to fishermen. The beaches are there for everyone to use and enjoy as long as they respect other users and the environment.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? There is no problem with the small planes landing on the beach north of the Ashley River. They land on the hard sand when the tide is out and sand is firm. The pilots are very respectful and check out the area before landing on the stone free area.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Leave the exemption as it is. This was extensively consulted in 2010.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Definitely NO. The dog walkers are aware that their dogs must be under effective control and not go past the high tide line which was agreed to in the 2010 (Bylaw). This was a huge consultation in 2010 and included making the estuary dog and vehicle free but not the beaches.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? The fishermen were informed by Environment Canterbury that it is illegal to light fires on the beach and that has not been happening.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Do not understand - they need to be consulted on everything - they should still be invited to the (*Advisory Group*) meetings so they can read the minutes and comment if required so they have been consulted.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? When the Hurunui District Council does their review we need to be involved.

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

The Ashley Fisherman Association pride themselves on the efforts they have contributed to the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw since 2008 and in most cases all our memebtrs plus other fishermen have obeyed the rules on the beach and foreshore. We are happy to have access so everyone can enjoy their fishing especially in retirement. Whitebaiting and fishing with your dog is a great retirement hobby. The consultation in 2010 was a package that included everyone who was a beach user and the birds.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

NPBB24-137

Submitter: Matthew Garrick on behalf of North Canterbury Fish & Game Council



June 2024 Submission to Waimakariri District Council made by North Canterbury Fish and Game Council with regard to the proposed Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024

Summary

- 1.1 Fish and Game welcomes the opportunity to comment on Waimakariri District Council's proposed Bylaw change, including the proposed removal of exemption for use of dogs while game bird hunting.
- 1.2 Fish and Game supports minor adjustments to the current exemption, and have outlined these details in our submission below.
- 1.3 Fish and Game wish to deliver an oral submission to the Bylaw hearing panel.

About Fish and Game

- 2.1 Fish and Game is the statutory manager for sports fish and game, with functions conveyed under the Conservation Act 1987. The organisation is an affiliation of 12 regional Councils and one national Council. Together, these organisations represent approximately 130,000 hunters and anglers.
- 2.2 The sports fish and game resource managed by Fish and Game is defined and protected under the Conservation Act and Wildlife Act 1953. The species within include introduced sports fish and a mix of native and introduced waterfowl and upland game.

2.3 Our vision, purpose, and values are illustrated below:

OUR VISION	OUR PURPOSE	OUR VALUES
Our vision is a New Zealand where freshwater habitats and species flourish, where hunting and fishing traditions thrive and all Kiwis enjoy access to sustainable wild fish and game resources.	Fish & Game New Zealand maintains and enhances sports fish and game birds, and their habitats, ensuring access for current and future generations of New Zealanders.	TRUST INCLUSION CONNECTION SERVICE

2.4 In relation to planning, Fish and Game have a statutory function to advocate for hunters and anglers values and ensure the habitats of sports fish and game birds are provided for. At any one time we may have around 150,000 licence holders, and a larger number (approximately 300,000) that are transient licence holders. The habitat we specifically advocate for includes lakes and rivers that contain trout and salmon (and other sports fish) and wetlands where game bird hunting occurs.

Fish and Game in resource management

2.1 Fish and Game works to provide for the ongoing enjoyment of hunting and freshwater fishing assets, the maintenance (or enhancement) of public access to rivers, lakes, and wetlands for hunting and fishing, and the protection of the habitat of trout and salmon.

2.2 Hunting and angling require legal and physical access both to habitats and the resource itself. Maintenance and enhancement of access is critically important to the pursuits of our licence holders. The maintenance and enhancement of public access is critically important to the pursuits of our licence holders. The maintenance and enhancement of public access to and along lakes and rivers is listed in the RMA 1991 as a matter of national importance.

Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw Submission

3.1 This submission focuses on parts of the Bylaw that relate to the duties and functions of Fish and Game Councils.

Removal of the exemption of use of dogs while game bird hunting in the estuary

3.2 The exemption for game bird licence holders to use dogs while hunting should continue for the following reasons:

- The use of dogs while hunting means they are under control of the hunter at all times, and are used to retrieve shot birds. This is completely different than dogs being run off leash by beachgoers (a legitimate concern of management agencies).



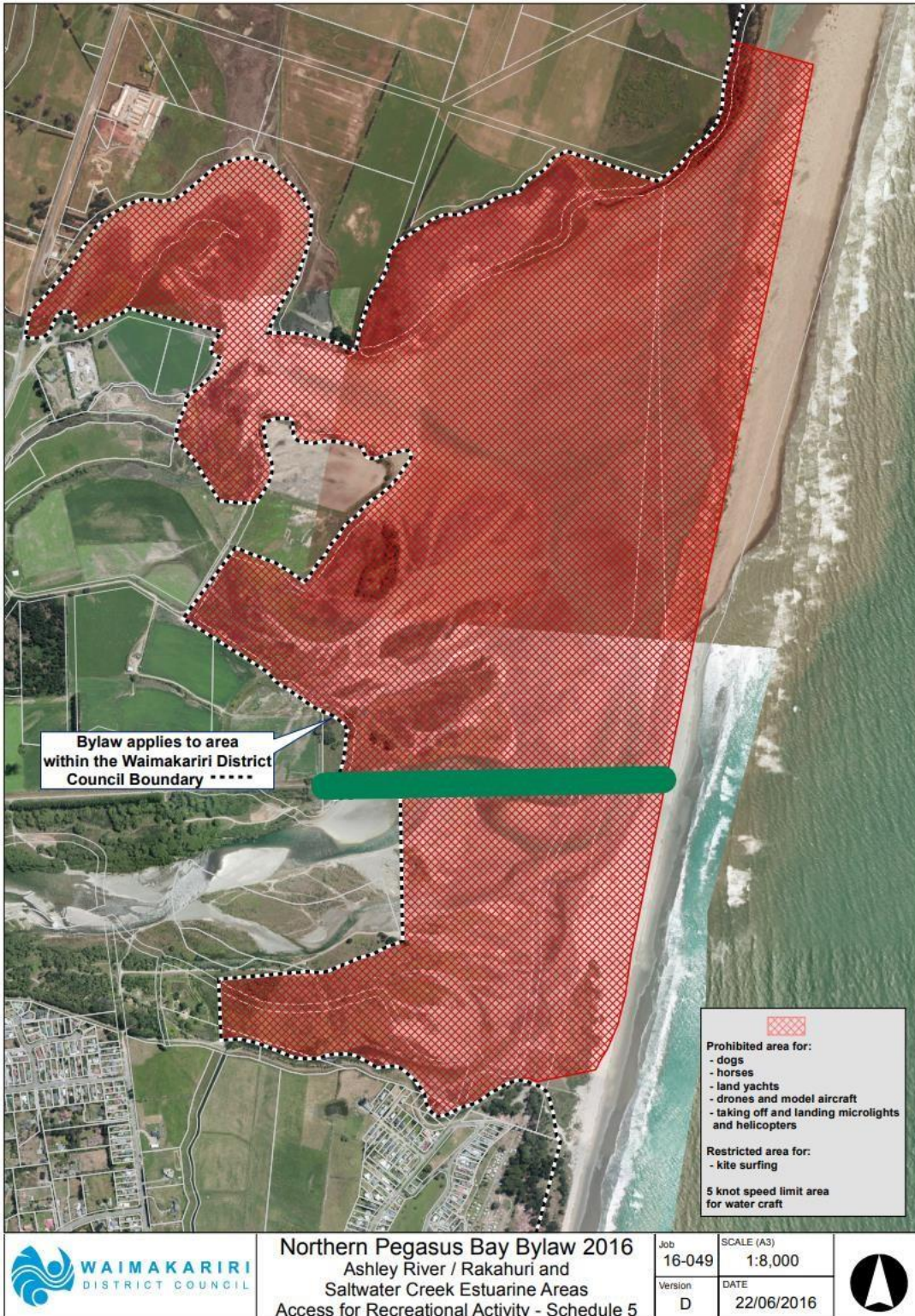
- Hunting/use of dogs for hunting occurs during winter, which is not a critical nesting/brood rearing period for birds.
- There has been no data collected by Waimakariri District Council that supports the proposed change to remove the exemption on the use of dogs while hunting.
- There has been no data collected by the Department of Conservation, who is the statutory manager of native birds, that supports the need, nor benefits for the proposed changes to the use of dogs while hunting in the Ashley Estuary.
- Peer-reviewed scientific publications are clear on disturbance effects on birds, unless the estuarine area is going to be properly turned into a refuge (i.e., completely removing access for all of the public, all of the time), there will be no positive outcomes for bird use at the estuary.

Conclusion

4.1 North Canterbury Fish and Game is prepared to work collaboratively with the Waimakariri District Council to make informed, data-driven decisions that are mutually beneficial.

4.2 Fish and Game strongly oppose the proposed changes. The lack of any scientific data from any agency demonstrating what benefits, if any, the removal of this exemption would bring to the Ashley Estuary makes the complete removal of this exemption for game bird hunters unreasonable.

4.3 Fish and Game would support minor adjustments to the exemption area (for example, removal of the exemption to use dogs for game bird hunting to the south of the green line delineated on the Bylaw map below.



END OF REPORT

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL**REPORT FOR DECISION**

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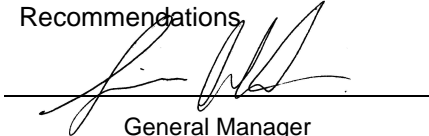
REPORT TO: NORTHERN PEGASUS BAY BYLAW 2024 HEARING PANEL


DATE OF MEETING: 18 July 2024

AUTHOR(S): Sylvia Docherty, Policy and Corporate Planning Team Leader

SUBJECT: Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 – Hearing Panel Report and Recommendations

ENDORSED BY:
(for Reports to Council, Committees or Boards)


General Manager


Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report presents for consideration, written submissions received from the consultation for the review of Council's Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024, which opened on 15 May 2024 and closed on Sunday 23 June 2024.
- 1.2. In total, 143 submissions were received with 33 submitters wishing to present their views to the Hearing Panel.
- 1.3. Included in this report are the submissions received along with officer analysis and recommendations to the Panel.

Attachments:

- i. Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 DRAFT (TRIM:240321044727)
- ii. Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw Area Boundary Map (TRIM: 2402220025147)
- iii. Public Consultation All Submissions Received (TRIM: 240703108028)
- iv. Thematic analysis of public consultation submissions and officer recommendations (TRIM: 240625103041)

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw Hearing Panel:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240618098916
- (b) **Receives and considers** all submissions on the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw.
- (c) **Notes** that staff will prepare an amended draft Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 which reflects the decisions made by the Hearing Panel and then report back to Council on 06 August for final adoption of the Bylaw.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016 (amended 2023) regulates recreational activities along the coastal strip of the District and includes the environmentally significant Ashley – Rakahuri River Estuary. Attachment ii outlines the Bylaw area.
- 3.2. The Bylaw has been instrumental in improving coastal management for Northern Pegasus Bay since it was introduced in 2010. However, there are environmental, health and safety,

and implementation issues still affecting the coastal area and consideration needs to be given to what additional regulatory and non-regulatory measures could be taken to resolve or reduce the issues.

- 3.3. The Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group was established in 2018 to ensure the purposes of the Bylaw are achieved and oversee progress made on the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw Implementation Plan.
- 3.4. Early engagement on the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw ran from 20 December 2023 to 1 March 2024 with two separate methods of community feedback. The Beach User Survey was completed by 380 residents and visitors, and 48 submissions were received on the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw survey. Four submitters to the Bylaw survey presented their views to the Hearing Panel at the meeting on 4 April 2024.

4. ISSUES AND OPTIONS

- 4.1. This report is recommending the Hearing Panel consider the submissions on the draft Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 and make recommendations that will be included in an amended draft Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 for Council decision. The Hearing Panel could choose not to proceed and undertake further consultation if any further changes are deemed a significant change to the current draft Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024.
- 4.2. The Special Consultative Procedure outlined in the *Local Government Act 2002* requires the Council to publicly notify the proposal and provide an opportunity for people to present their views.
- 4.3. Consultation on the draft Bylaw ran from 15 May to 23 June 2024 and was promoted using a range of media channels including a poster campaign at the beaches and estuary in the Bylaw area, social media and radio interview.
- 4.4. During the consultation period, six engagement events were held with communities including two at Pegasus, two at Waikuku Beach, one at Pines/Kairaki and one with the Rangiora Airfield Advisory Group. Elected Members were present at some of the sessions.
- 4.5. During the consultation staff responded to community feedback about accessing information, participating in engagement events and making submissions. Around 250 paper copies of the consultation document and 300 A5 flyers were provided to help raise awareness and support submissions for those with difficulties accessing the online survey. A large temporary sign was installed at the Waikuku Beach northern car park specifically highlighting the proposed change for dog walking in the area following the first community event at Waikuku Beach Hall.
- 4.6. Of the 143 submissions received, 105 were surveys completed online, 30 manual surveys and eight were written submissions (attachment iii).
- 4.7. The engagement statistics for the online survey are broken down as follows:
 - 4.7.1. There were 957 visitors to the consultation page
 - 4.7.2. The consultation survey was clicked by 457 people
 - 4.7.3. Further information was sought by 101 people, including reading the Bylaw.
- 4.8. Analysis of the submissions is summarised in the table below:

Consultation questions	Yes	No	No response
Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw	95 (66%)	33 (23%)	15 (10%)
Q2. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas	78 (55%)	55 (38%)	10 (7%)
Q3. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season?	59 (41%)	80 (56%)	4 (3%)
Q4. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri?	46 (32%)	90 (63%)	7 (5%)
Q5. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers?	84 (59%)	43 (30%)	16 (11%)
Q6. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees?	60 (42%)	39 (27%)	44 (31%)
Q7. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw?	66 (46%)	42 (29%)	35 (24%)

- 4.9. A thematic analysis of Submission Points Received (attachment iii) and officer recommendations to the Hearing Panel are included in attachment iv.
- 4.10. The Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group are scheduled to meet on 11 July to review the themed analysis and provide feedback for the Hearing Panel. Officers will share this feedback at the meeting.

Implications for Community Wellbeing

- 4.11. There are implications on community wellbeing by the issues and options that are the subject matter of this report. The Northern Pegasus Bay provides opportunities for recreational activities and social connection that support community wellbeing. In addition to this community wellbeing and the environment are intrinsically linked, in order for people to prosper the environment must also prosper. The Bylaw strives to achieve a balance between recreation use of an important coastal ecosystem and environmental protection.
- 4.12. The Management Team has reviewed this report and support the recommendations.

5. COMMUNITY VIEWS

5.1. Mana whenua

- 5.2. As per the Terms of Reference, membership of the Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group includes Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga and Fenton Reserve Trustees. Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga have not yet been represented on the Advisory Group. Staff provided an update on the Bylaw review at the bi-monthly Rūnanga/Council meeting in September 2023 and April 2024. Feedback at the April 2024 update highlighted that the Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust has three members of the Rūnanga on the Board and that the Trust would be able to provide mana whenua input to this project. It was also requested that information about the draft Bylaw consultation be shared with Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga which was emailed by staff during the consultation period.

5.3. Groups and Organisations

The Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group was established to represent the groups and organisations most affected by this Bylaw.

Submissions have been received from North Canterbury Fish & Game Council, Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club, Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group (ARRG) and Northern Pegasus Bay (Hurunui) Coastcare Inc. Only the ARRG is currently represented in the Advisory Group.

5.4. **Wider Community**

The wider community is likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in the subject matter of this report. This primarily relates to the residents and members of the wider public that may have concerns around the prohibited and restricted activities of the Bylaw and the impact on the coastal environment where breaches of the Bylaw occur.

Submissions from the Woodend-Sefton and Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Boards provide feedback on behalf of communities located within the Bylaw area.

6. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

6.1. **Financial Implications**

There are financial implications of the decisions sought by this report. This budget is included in the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan. Currently there are two budgets within the recreation account which are used for enforcement and infrastructure development related to the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw. An operational budget of \$21,530 is available for this financial year. A capital budget is also available as part of the wider Greenspace Unit capital budget.

Enforcement is undertaken by Environment Canterbury via a ranger service. The cost of this service is split between the Waimakariri District Council and Environment Canterbury with each organisation's share being \$29,760 per year. The schedule for ranger services is agreed between both Councils and is based on known high use periods, weather, and tides. For the winter months, when use of the beach is limited, the ranger service is reduced to half a day at weekends. During peak times, which include the white bait season and summer holiday period, the service is increased to five half days a week.

6.2. **Sustainability and Climate Change Impacts**

The recommendations in this report do have sustainability and/or climate change impacts.

The Bylaw prohibits vehicles and motorbikes from riding on the dunes. Previous research concluded that the higher the sand dunes were, the more they protected people from coastal hazards. Driving on dunes destroys vegetation that helps to bind the sand together and compacts the sand. This can lead to an unstable dune system that is more at risk from the climate change risks of extreme weather events and sea level rise.

The Bylaw also controls activities in the Ashley/Rakahuri Estuary which is recognised by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as a wetland of 'international significance'. Over 90 species of birds have been recorded at the Ashley Rakahuri/Saltwater Estuary alone and many of these such as the black-billed gull, black-fronted tern, banded dotterel, and wrybill are rare and endangered species.

6.3. **Risk Management**

There are no risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report.

6.4. **Health and Safety**

There are no health and safety risks arising from the adoption/implementation of the recommendations in this report.

7. **CONTEXT**

7.1. **Consistency with Policy**

This matter is not a matter of significance in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

7.2. **Authorising Legislation**

Local Government Act 2002
 Resource Management Act 1991
 Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998
 Marine and Coastal Area (Tukutai Moana) Act 2011
 Land Transport Act 1998
 Reserves Act 1977
 Conservation Act 1987
 Wildlife Act 1953
 Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978
 Dog Control Act 1996
 Fire and Emergency NZ Act 2017
 Freedom Camping Act 2011

7.3. **Consistency with Community Outcomes**

The Council's community outcomes are relevant to the actions arising from recommendations in this report.

The Bylaw supports the following community outcomes:

- **Social:** Public spaces are diverse, respond to changing demographics and meet local needs for leisure and recreation.
- **Environmental:**
 - People are supported to participate in improving the health and sustainability of our environment.
 - The natural and built environment in which people live is clean, healthy and safe.
 - Our communities are able to access and enjoy natural areas and public spaces.

7.4. **Authorising Delegations**

The Community and Recreation Committee has delegated authority to administer bylaws for its activities. The most relevant of the listed activities is parks and reserves but only a small parcel of Council-owned reserve land at Kairaki Beach is located within the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw area.

The District Planning and Regulation Committee is responsible for the administration of bylaws other than those clearly under the jurisdiction of another standing committee, but the full Council rather than this Committee has traditionally been involved in the preparation of the 2010, 2016 and 2016 (amended 2023) Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaws due to the significance of the coastal area.

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

NORTHERN PEGASUS BAY BYLAW 2024

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PREAMBLE

This preamble is intended to explain the bylaw's context and general intention.

A number of agencies own or manage land within or adjacent to the area covered by this bylaw. These are the Waimakariri District Council, Environment Canterbury, the Department of Conservation, Land Information NZ Toitū Te Whenua and Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust.

The proposed bylaw seeks to address the following key issues:

- [Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment](#)
- Health and safety of beach users.
- Conflicts between incompatible recreation activities.
- The impact of offensive behaviour on other beach users' enjoyment or use of the beach.
- Impacts of recreation use on the dune systems and on the wildlife and vegetation of the estuaries and lagoons.
- Disturbance and destruction of foreshore habitats.

Legislative Context and Links to other Documents

The management of the coastal environment is legislated by various Acts. These include, but are not limited to, the *Resource Management Act 1991*, *Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998*, *Marine and Coastal Area (Tukutai Moana) Act 2011*, *Local Government Act 2002*, *Land Transport Act 1998*, *Reserves Act 1977*, *Conservation Act 1987*, *Wildlife Act 1953*, *Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978*, *Dog Control Act 1996*, *Fire and Emergency NZ Act 2017*, *Freedom Camping Act 2011* [and Whitebait Fishing Regulations 2021](#).

Additional documents that have been taken into consideration in developing this bylaw include the following:

- Treaty of Waitangi.
- Kemp's Deed.
- Waimakariri District Council Memorandum of Understanding with Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga.
- Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan 2013.
- NZ Coastal Policy Statement 2010 (*Resource Management Act 1991*).
- Regional Coastal Environment Plan for the Canterbury Region 2005 (*Resource Management Act 1991*).
- Waimakariri District Council District Plan and Proposed District Plan (*Resource Management Act 1991*).
- [Waikuku Beach Reserve Management Plan 2010](#) (*Reserves Act 1977*).
- [Environment Canterbury Ashley Rakahuri Management Plan 2023](#)
- Canterbury (Waitaha) Conservation Management Strategy 2016 (*Conservation Act 1987*).
- Environment Canterbury Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016 (*Local Government Act 1974*).
- Estuarine Research Report 38 – impacts of vehicles on juvenile tuatua on Pegasus Bay surf beaches 2010.
- Estuarine Research Report 39 – assessment of intertidal tuatua 2009.

The legislative boundaries map at the end of this section shows the interface between the various rules and policies contained within the Regional Coastal Environment Plan (coastal marine area boundary), the Waimakariri District Council's District Plan (coastal marine area boundary), the Canterbury Conservation Management Strategy (conservation areas), the proposed Ashley/Rakahuri Regional Park Management Plan, the Reserves Act 1977 (local purpose reserves) and the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 (Fenton Reserves and Entitlements).

There are also other Council bylaws that apply to the coastal area. These include the Waimakariri District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2019 and the Alcohol Control Bylaw 2018. Reference has been made in this bylaw to the relevant clauses in bylaws listed, to prevent coastal users having to research other Council bylaws to find out what rules apply.

Significance of Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek Estuarine Areas

The Ashley River/Rakahuri and associated estuarine areas link up with the 550-hectare Tūhaitara Coastal Reserve which stretches 10.5 km from the estuary and contains many protected wetlands. This string of wetlands has important values for some special invertebrate and plant communities and combined creates a large area of significant attraction to birdlife, the majority of which are indigenous and regarded as taonga by local iwi. The estuary, with its large areas of tidal mudflats at the conjunction of the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Pacific Ocean, is recognised as one of the best shorebird feeding sites on the South Island's eastern coastline. It is the largest, least modified estuary in Canterbury with a variety of ecosystems and habitats and observations of up to sixty bird species at any visit are common.

The Ashley River/Rakahuri estuarine area is recognised by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as a wetland of 'international significance'. The *Regional Coastal Environment Plan for the Canterbury Region* lists the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek Estuary as an area of 'significant natural value with Māori cultural values; wetlands, estuaries, and coastal lagoons; marine mammals and birds; ecosystems, flora and fauna habitats; historic places; and coastal landforms and associated processes' occurring in the area. The Ashley River/Rakahuri Estuary and wider Pegasus Bay wetlands are designated 'Important Bird Areas' by Birdlife International (of which Forest and Bird is the NZ partner) and the threatened native braided river birds breeding on the river are a priority for protection in the *Biodiversity Strategy for the Canterbury Region*. The Department of Conservation rates the area as being of 'significant conservation value' and is the administering body for five Local Purpose Reserves under the *Reserves Act 1977* and two stewardship areas under the *Conservation Act 1987* located in the area. One of these stewardship areas, known as the Conservation Area Pacific Ocean Foreshore, is described by the Department as being a 'priority ecosystem'. The Banks Peninsula Marine Mammal Sanctuary runs up the coastline extending four nautical miles out to sea from the mean high water springs mark.

The estuarine wetlands are the feeding, roosting, and breeding grounds of a large number of native birds, including some threatened and critically endangered species such as the black-billed gull (the world's most endangered gull), the black-fronted tern, banded dotterel and wrybill. Wrybill, the only bird in the world with a bill that bends sideways, feed in the estuary and breed upstream in the braided river. The wetlands are an important summer resting and feeding site for a large number of locally resident and migrant wader species. Wrybills, banded dotterels, pied stilts and pied oystercatchers start to pass through in late August with small numbers of other northern hemisphere wading birds arriving in September and staying into April. Godwits also arrive in September to feed and rest after an 11,000 km non-stop trip from Alaska, preparing for their return journey in later March. In winter the Estuary is home to the white heron and very rare black stilt. The area is also an important breeding ground for fish such as flounder and whitebait.

~~As part of the Bylaw consultation process, Local~~ conservation-orientated organisations and bird specialists ~~identified~~ identify a number of activities that could have a negative impact on the important ecological and wildlife values of the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas. ~~The need to offer additional protection to this internationally significant area was well supported by submitters to the proposed 2015 Bylaw and the proposed 2016~~ bylaw attempts to reduce the tension between environmental protection and recreational use by prohibiting activities that are able to be carried out elsewhere on the beach and restricting other site-specific activities. Examples of prohibited activities that can be carried out in other less ecologically sensitive coastal areas are horse riding, exercising dogs, land yachting, using model aircraft and drones, and taking off or landing planes, microlights and helicopters.

Aerial activities can be seen as a threat to some birds who stay in the air while these are taking place. This interferes with their normal feeding, resting, nesting and roosting activities and puts chicks at risk of overheating or predation.

~~Since the bylaw was introduced in 2010, dogs were still frequently observed chasing birds and disturbing their nests. It is well-documented scientifically that the mere presence of dogs causes disturbance and stress to birds causing physical displacement that impacts where the birds feel safe to feed, breed and rest. -The~~ In the 2016 bylaw review Dogs were prohibited dogs from the estuary, apart from permitted gamebird dogs during the gamebird hunting season, in order to offer greater protection to critically endangered or threatened bird species. Consultation for the 2023/24 bylaw review identified a need to extend the prohibited area for dogs in the estuarine area to include the entirety of the spit south of the Ashley River/Rakahuri. This 2024 bylaw has also removed the exemption for gamebird dogs.

The estuary is the only safe training and self-landing area for kite surfing within the district and this is ~~now~~ a restricted activity, subject to an agreement between the Council, kite surfing community and bird conservation groups.

The bylaw also recognises the significance of the area as a regional sport fishery and provides limited vehicle access via a permit system ~~from mid-August to the end of November each year. for the annual open season set by the Whitebait Fishing Regulations 2021, currently 1 September to 30 October (inclusive).~~

Protection of Foreshore Habitats

The intertidal coastal area is a very important feeding area for birds. Vehicles disturb birds feeding, resting, and nesting in built-up areas of driftwood. They also disrupt their food sources by killing or stressing species such as tuatua that live in the sand.

A 2010 study of tuatua found that juvenile tuatua were largely found just adjacent to and beneath the high tide line along the beach whilst adult tuatuas were found closer to the low tide line along the beach. Another study in 2010 found a relationship between the number of vehicle passes and tuatua damage with juvenile tuatua being more at risk from crushing than the larger more mature adults. The compactness of wet sand was also found to favour tuatua survival.

The bylaw offers some protection to tuatua by providing vehicle free areas and attempting to reduce the number of vehicles driving on the rest of the beach. Vehicles are also required to be driven below the high tide mark, apart from at the Waimakariri River Mouth where this is unsafe because of changes in levels along the side of the river. While vehicles driving on wet sand will damage adult tuatua, the more vulnerable juvenile tuatua living higher up the beach will be better protected. The impact of horse hooves on tuatua has been found to be similar to that of vehicles and the equestrian free area at Waikuku offers some protection.

Protection of Dune System

~~The 2018 Waimakariri Coastal Natural Character Study identifies the most significant dunes of the Canterbury coastline are located along the backshore of Pegasus Bay. Vehicles and motorcycles in the dunes continue to be a problem, particularly at Waikuku, Pines and Kairaki Beaches, and a number of submitters to the proposed 2015 Bylaw provided the hearing panel with photographic evidence of the damage done to the coastal environment by vehicles and motorcycles. The dunes provide beach settlements with some protection against coastal hazards. and Deamage to the vegetation caused by vehicles and motorbikes accelerates coastal erosion.~~

Vehicles have been prohibited from the dunes, and motorcycles have been prohibited from the beach altogether to try and address this problem as well as other safety concerns.

Safety Concerns of Beach Users, Conflicts between Different Types of Recreational Activity and Public Nuisance

~~A Beach User Survey has been conducted in 2019, 2021 and 2023/24, these surveys provide Council staff and the Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group with feedback and evidence of what's important to locals and visitors to our beaches as well as highlighting main issues and any conflict occurring along the Northern Pegasus Bay coastline. All three surveys identify unsafe or inappropriate driving of vehicles as the main issue followed by the lack of dog control by some users. Vehicles and motorbikes continue to be a problem, particularly in Waikuku, Pines, Kairaki and Ashworths Beaches. A summary report for each of the surveys is available on the council's website. A number of submitters to the proposed 2015 Bylaw expressed safety concerns about the use of the beach for low key recreation activities such as walking, running, swimming and picnicking at the same time as horse riding, horse training, land yachting, driving and motorcycle riding. The lack of control of some dogs on the beach around other users, particularly children and horses, was also a concern for some people. In one instance, the hearing panel was shown photographic evidence of a vehicle and motorcycle passing through a busy flagged surf patrol area close to a toddler sitting on the beach. Vehicles had been prohibited from the area in question since the bylaw was introduced in 2010. Other submitters had incidences of accidents, near misses and verbal abuse to report.~~

The bylaw attempts to resolve identified public health, safety and nuisance issues in a way that is no more than reasonably necessary by:

- Giving priority to the most vulnerable beach users, such as children, bathers and other people on foot ~~and bathers~~.
- Designating zones away from the most popular swimming beach (Waikuku Beach) for activities such as recreational horse riding, horse training, land yachting and driving.
- Prohibiting dogs, vehicles and horse trainers from passing through flagged surf patrol areas and requiring recreational horse riders to take due care and land yacht operators to dismount if passing through on a return trip is unavoidable.
- Reducing the number of vehicles on the beach by prohibiting recreational driving and motorcycles.
- Clearly setting out personal responsibilities around the use of a vehicle on the beach (the same as on a road) ~~and dog control~~.
- Requiring beach users to have effective control of their dogs at all times.
- Prohibiting dogs from areas with high biodiversity value, where there are critically endangered or threatened bird species.

- Requiring the use of the beach for horse training to be in accordance with a user agreement.
- Requiring all beach users to be aware of each other and not impact on another's use or enjoyment of the beach.

Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Values

Ngāi Tūāhuriri concepts involving land, water and resources are determined by a very complex system of inter-relations and while free to utilise the resources, Ngāi Tūāhuriri are also restrained by a system of controls.

In an economic sense, the resources of an area determined the welfare of the people. The abundance, or lack of, directly affected the mana (prestige) of every tribal group. Traditionally the acquisition and maintenance of the exclusive right to those resources was central to the core of Māori society. The seasonal collection of these resources and the resulting community effort therefore also formed a very important part of the community's strength.

These seasonal activities were a time for Whanaungatanga – renewing contacts with distant relations, Whakatinana o ngā uara – of reinforcing traditional and cultural values, and Tikanga – of maintaining controls; thus providing a tangible link with the past. Another important example of cultural resource values is that of Manaakitanga – hospitality, towards guests. Tradition dictates that as hosts, Tūāhuriri whānau of this area must prepare the best local foods for manuhiri.

Mahinga kai was specifically recognised and protected in Kemp's Deed in 1848 and advanced within Te Kerēme, the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998. It describes the natural resources gathered by Māori and the places and practices used in doing so. Mahinga kai is an important value and activity that will be acknowledged and provided for within the bylaw process and through ongoing partnership.

The Rakahuri Awa/Ashley River and Northern Pegasus Bay coastal area was a significant area for mahinga kai. Fenton Reserves and Fenton Entitlements were set aside for occupation and access to mahinga kai and some of these are located in or close to the estuary. Fenton Reserve owners and holders of Fenton Entitlements have a legal right to access waterways associated with these reserves and entitlements for mahinga kai purposes. The Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 makes provision for Fenton Reserve owners and holders of Fenton Entitlements to have access up to 210 days per year for the above purposes, including the erection of temporary camping shelters. In the preparation of this bylaw these rights have been considered and applied.

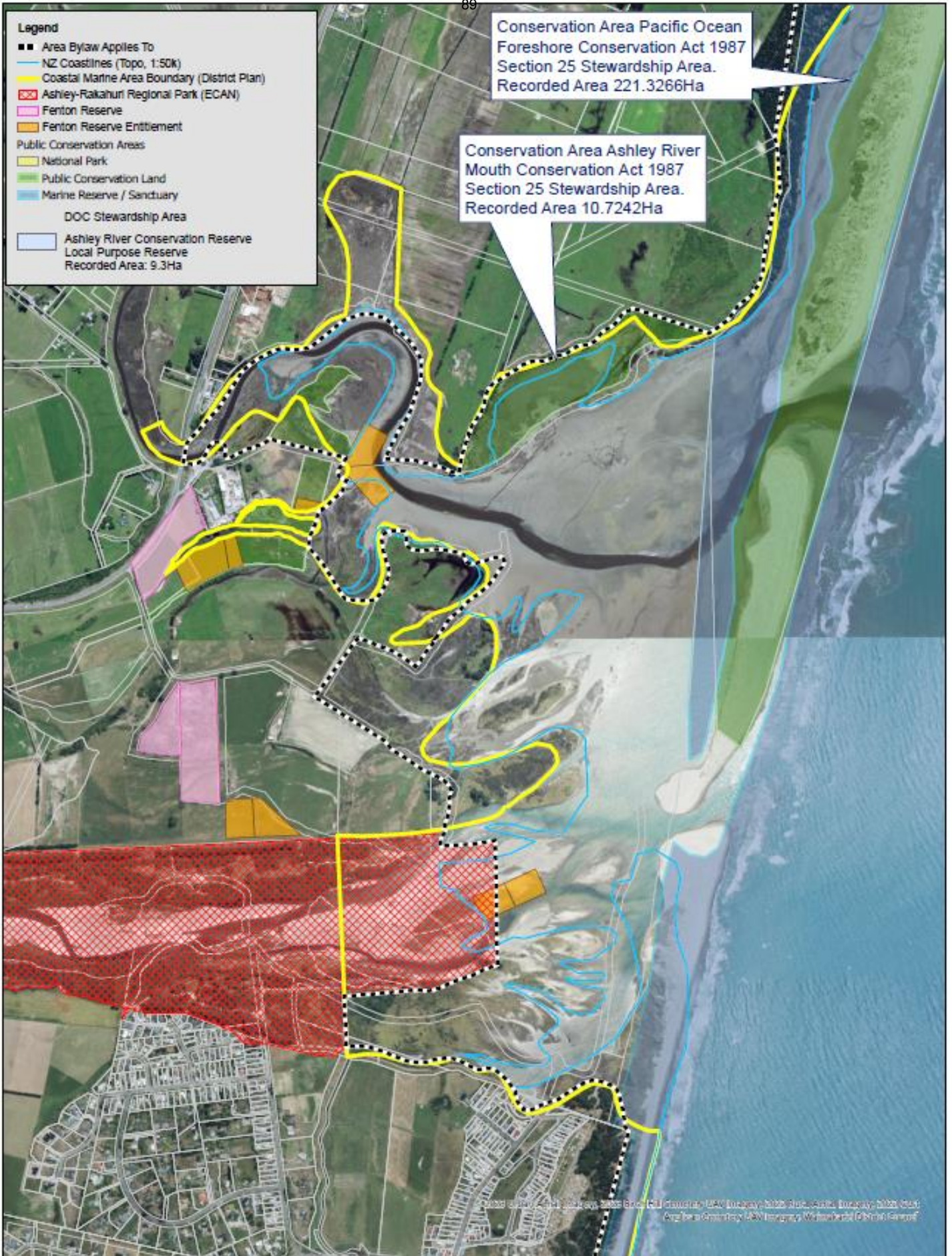
Traditional values and controls regarding water are included in the Tribe's spiritual beliefs and practices. This recognises and reinforces the absolute importance of water quality and quantity to both mahinga kai and hygiene. Water is held in the highest esteem because the welfare of all life that it contains determines the welfare of the people reliant on those resources.

Traditionally water was the centre of all activity within Māori society. It provided the preferred transport medium, supported fish and shellfish populations and was used in religious ceremonies, including burials, and also for recreational activities. For these reasons and like most other cultures, settlements were centred beside, or in close proximity to major waterways.

This dependence on kai-moana, kai-awa and kai-roto is a subject that has remained constant throughout Ngāi Tūāhuriri history. Over time Ngāi Tūāhuriri accumulated an extensive amount of knowledge about the resources within its' rohe, particularly water-sourced foods. Harvesting methods reflect a sophisticated understanding of the breeding cycles, migration times and feeding habits of all the important fresh and salt-water species, with different names being used for the same fish at different parts of its life-cycle.

Connected to the concept of water guardianship is the matter of tapu. Water was declared tapu for several reasons. The best examples of Wai-Tapu are those waterways that act as burial places. Because of their primary use, food is not taken from these places. One such incident associated with this bylaw area is along the South bank of the Rakahuri, where Te Rauparaha dug up the remains of an elderly Ngai Tūāhuriri woman. Subsequently those Tūāhuriri whānau knowledgeable in this history do not gather kai awa from that particular stream and surrounding area.

The Council acknowledges the sensitivity around the scattering of human ashes within the area covered by this bylaw and the concern Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Runanga has for the impact on cultural values and customs and advises avoiding using mahinga kai areas and associated waterways for this purpose.



- Legend**
- Area Bylaw Applies To
 - NZ Coastlines (Topo, 1:50k)
 - Coastal Marine Area Boundary (District Plan)
 - ▨ Ashley-Rakahuri Regional Park (ECAN)
 - ▨ Fenton Reserve
 - ▨ Fenton Reserve Entitlement
 - Public Conservation Areas**
 - ▨ National Park
 - ▨ Public Conservation Land
 - ▨ Marine Reserve / Sanctuary
 - DOC Stewardship Area**
 - ▨ Ashley River Conservation Reserve
Local Purpose Reserve
Recorded Area: 9.3Ha

Conservation Area Pacific Ocean
Foreshore Conservation Act 1987
Section 25 Stewardship Area.
Recorded Area 221.3266Ha

Conservation Area Ashley River
Mouth Conservation Act 1987
Section 25 Stewardship Area.
Recorded Area 10.7242Ha

Map based on aerial imagery, NZ Topographic Database, NZ Coastal Marine Area Boundary, NZ Coastlines (Topo, 1:50k), NZ Coastal Marine Area Boundary (District Plan), Ashley-Rakahuri Regional Park (ECAN), Fenton Reserve, Fenton Reserve Entitlement, National Park, Public Conservation Land, Marine Reserve / Sanctuary, Ashley River Conservation Reserve, Local Purpose Reserve, Recorded Area: 9.3Ha.

1. TITLE

- 1.1 This bylaw is made pursuant to sections 145, 146 (b)(vi) and 153 (3) of the *Local Government Act 2002* and sections 22AB(1)(b), 22AB(1)(c), 22AB(1)(f) and 22AB(1)(zk) of the *Land Transport Act 1998*.
- 1.2 This bylaw is the Waimakariri District Council *Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016* ~~(amended 2023)~~ [24](#)

2. DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

- 2.1 This bylaw replaces the Waimakariri District Council *Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016* ~~(amended 2023)~~ and comes into force on XX August 2024.

3. APPLICATION AND PURPOSE

- 3.1 The purpose of this bylaw is to control activities on the beaches, including the foreshore and adjacent land areas of Northern Pegasus Bay, in order to:

[\(a\) Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment](#)

- (b) Manage recreational uses for the benefit and enjoyment of all users;
- (c) Minimise environmental impacts arising from this recreation activity;
- (d) Protect, promote and maintain public health and safety;
- (e) Protect the public from nuisance;
- (f) Minimise the potential for offensive behaviour in public places.

- 3.2 Activities that are prohibited from the whole of the bylaw area include recreational driving, all motorcycles and unregistered and unlicensed vehicles. Freedom camping, [fires, fireworks](#), interfering with wildlife, erecting or interfering with buildings and permanent structures without permission and introducing substances that could harm other people, animals or plants are also prohibited.

- 3.3 Activities that are prohibited from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas include equestrian and dog-related activities; operating land yachts, drones and model aircraft; and taking off or landing of aircraft including microlights and helicopters. Driving vehicles without a permit or exemption is also prohibited in this area. [Two additional areas adjacent to the estuarine areas have been added to schedule 5; the first prohibits dogs on the entirety of the spit south of the Ashley/Rakahuri River Mouth and the second prohibits the landing and taking off of aircraft on the beach areas adjacent to the estuarine areas.](#)

- 3.4 Vehicles are also generally prohibited from between the Ocean Outfall and the Ashley/Rakahuri River Mouth. Land yachts are prohibited from the area between the beach entrance to the Waikuku Beach Horsefloat Car Park and Access Trail and the District's northern boundary.

- 3.5 Restricted activities (activities that have conditions attached) include driving vehicles between the Kairaki Beach Car Park and the Ocean Outfall, within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas and from the northern boundary of the district to the north of the Ashley/Rakahuri River Mouth, lighting fires, horse training, dog-related activities, kite surfing in the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine area and using a land yacht between the Kairaki Beach Car Park and the beach entrance to the Waikuku Beach Horsefloat Car Park and Access Trail.

- 3.6 This bylaw applies to all of the beach, including the foreshore and adjacent land and water areas of Pegasus Bay between the southern boundary of the Waimakariri District, located at the Waimakariri River Mouth, and the northern boundary with Hurunui District, as described and set out in schedules 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Some of this land is under the control of the Waimakariri District Council and some is under the control of Environment Canterbury, Department of Conservation, Land Information NZ Toitū Te Whenua and Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust.

[3.7 This bylaw acknowledges the Hurunui District Council \(HDC\) Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2015 noting similar issues and purpose. Clauses in the HDC bylaw are not necessarily the same as this bylaw.](#)

4. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

In this bylaw, unless the context requires otherwise:

Absolutely protected or partially protected wildlife means all wildlife throughout New Zealand and New Zealand fisheries waters except for those specified in Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the *Wildlife Act 1953*.

Access Route means an unformed track through sand that provides vehicle access, including that from the Ashley/Rakahuri River Mouth Car Park to the Ashley/Rakahuri River Mouth and foreshore, as shown in schedules 2 and 3.

Access Trail means a cleared defined pathway providing access to the beach for horses, as shown in schedule 4.

Authorised Officer means any person appointed by the Council to perform duties required under this bylaw, irrespective of the designation given to that person.

Beach means any land in the Waimakariri District adjacent to any seacoast which is part of the foreshore, as defined in this bylaw, or is land contiguous to and used in connection with the foreshore and including dunes, and to which the public has a right of access. For the purposes of this bylaw, the beach therefore includes the foreshore and coastal land on both sides of the level of mean high water spring. The coastal marine areas diagram included in this section depicts the location of mean high water spring.

Bed means in relation to the sea, the submarine land areas covered by the sea. The coastal marine areas diagram depicts the location of the bed.

Brazier means [a container for hot coals – usually an upright standing or hanging metal bowl or box, free standing or hanging “bowl” of coals or charcoal](#) and are an approved fire type in open and restricted seasons.

Building means a temporary or permanent movable or immovable structure (including a structure intended for occupation by people, animals, machinery or chattels) as defined in section 8 (1)(a) of the *Building Act 2004*. This does not include any structure erected by beach users for shade or shelter for less than one day’s duration.

Coastal Environment means the environment in which the coast is a significant part or element. It includes the coastal marine area and, the water, plants and animals associated with that area, and the atmosphere above it, and dunes, beaches, areas of coastal vegetation and fauna, areas subject to coastal erosion or flooding, salt marshes, coastal wetlands and estuaries, and coastal landscapes. The coastal marine areas diagram included in this section depicts the location of the coastal environment.

Coastal Marine Area means the foreshore, seabed, and coastal water, and the air space above the water –

- (a) of which the seaward boundary is the outer limits of the territorial sea:
- (b) of which the landward boundary is the line of mean high water springs, except that where that line crosses a river, the landward boundary at that point shall be whichever is the lesser of –
- (c) one kilometre upstream from the mouth of the river; or
- (d) the point upstream that is calculated by multiplying the width of the river mouth by 5.

Horse training/Horse trainers means an equestrian activity that is carried out in relation to an involvement with the horse racing industry.

Council means the Waimakariri District Council, or any Officer authorised to exercise the authority of the Council.

Council/s means the Waimakariri District Council and/or ~~the Canterbury Regional Council~~ [Environment Canterbury](#) (ECan) or any Officer authorised to exercise the authority of one of these Councils.

Detritus means a build-up of organic matter such as driftwood, shells and seaweed on the foreshore due to wave or tide action.

District means the district within the jurisdiction, and under the control of the Waimakariri District Council.

Enforcement Officer means an officer or other person appointed by the Council/s to enforce the provisions contained in this bylaw and includes:

- (a) any person warranted by the Council/s in accordance with section 177 of the *Local Government Act 2002* as an enforcement officer.
- (b) any ranger appointed by the Council/s under the *Reserves Act 1977*.
- (c) any dog ranger or dog control officer appointed by the Council under the *Dog Control Act 1996*.
- (d) any parking warden appointed by the Council under the *Land Transport Act 1988*.
- (e) any enforcement officer defined as an enforcement officer under the *Land Transport Act 1998*.

Fenton Entitlement means an entitlement granted in favour of the holder (in this instance, particular people within Ngāi Tahu Whānui and their descendants) to occupy temporarily and exclusively the entitlement land for up to 210 days in any calendar year (excluding days on and from 1 May to 15 August). The entitlement is granted for the purposes of permitting the holders to have access to the waterway for lawful fishing and gathering of other natural resources on the terms and conditions set out in the Entitlement and allows holders to erect camping shelters or similar temporary dwellings.

Fenton Reserve means a Fenton Reserve established by Judge Fenton in 1868 in accordance with Kemp's Deed to ensure on-going access by the beneficial owners to the associated waterways and their mahinga kai.

Foreshore means any land covered and uncovered by the flow and ebb of the tide at mean spring tides and, in relation to any such land that forms part of the bed of a river, does not include any area that is not part of the coastal marine area. The coastal marine areas diagram depicts the location of the foreshore.

Freedom Camp means to camp (other than at a camping ground) within 200 m of a motor vehicle accessible area or the mean low-water springs line of any sea or harbour, or on or within 200 m of a formed road or a Great Walks Track, using 1 or more of the following:

(a) a tent or other temporary structure.

(b) a caravan.

(c) a car, campervan, housetruck, or other motor vehicle.

Freedom camping does not include the following activities.

(a) temporary and short-term parking of a motor vehicle.

(b) recreational activities commonly known as day-trip excursions.

(c) resting or sleeping at the roadside in a caravan or motor vehicle to avoid driver fatigue.

Kite Surfing means being propelled over water by means of a kite on a board or similar craft.

Land Yacht means a wind-driven recreation vehicle, usually consisting of three wheels supporting a bare-frame structure, mast and sail. In this context the term also refers to recreation vehicles known as blokarts and sand yachts. Land yachts are used especially on beaches and other sandy areas.

Last High Tide means the last time after a low tide (there is approximately a 12-hour cycle from high tide to high tide) that the tide has been at its fullest so that the sea water reaches its highest level on the foreshore. The last high tide mark is generally able to be identified by a band of wet sand and detritus.

Mean High Water Spring means the highest level to which spring tides reach on average. This level is generally close to being the 'high water mark' where detritus accumulates on the shore annually. The coastal marine areas diagram depicts the location of mean high water spring.

Mean Low Water Spring means the lowest level to which spring tides retreat on average. The coastal marine areas diagram depicts the location of mean low water spring.

Motorcycle means a motor vehicle, running on 2 wheels, or not more than 3 wheels when fitted with a sidecar, as defined in section 2 (1) of the *Land Transport Act 1998* and any amending or replacement legislation. It includes a vehicle with motorcycle controls that is approved as a motorcycle by the Transport Agency but does not include a moped.

Motor Vehicle means a vehicle drawn or propelled by mechanical power, including a trailer, as defined in section 2 (1) of the *Land Transport Act 1998* and any amending or replacement legislation. It does not include a mobility device.

Permission shall include a permit or exemption under this bylaw.

Recreational Driving means driving on the beach as an activity in itself and/or primarily for the pleasure of driving.

Recreational Horse Riders means the leading/riding/driving of horses along trails and the foreshore for pleasure/leisure, and for the enjoyment of the natural environment. This includes horse trainers delivering organised equestrian activities that fall outside of the horse racing industry such as riding lessons and treks.

Regional Council means [the Canterbury Regional Council](#) [Environment Canterbury](#) (ECan), or any officer authorised to exercise the authority of the Council.

Shall indicates a mandatory requirement while the use of should indicates a recommendation.

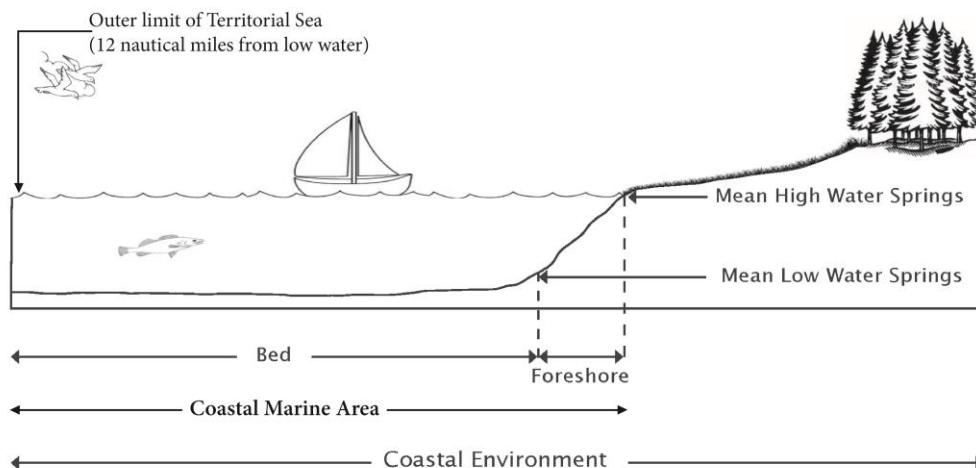
Sign includes a notice, label, inscription, billboard, plaque or placard.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu means Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu established by Section 6 of *Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Act 1996*.

Under Control means that the dog is not causing a nuisance or danger and that the person in charge of the dog is able to obtain an immediate and desired response from the dog by use of a leash, voice commands, hand signals, whistles or other effective means.

COASTAL MARINE AREAS DIAGRAM

The following diagram shows where the various marine terms referred to in this bylaw are located within the coastal environment.



PART 1 – PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES IN BEACH AND ADJACENT LAND AREAS

5. PROHIBITED VEHICLE ACCESS

- 5.1 No person shall drive a motor vehicle to, from or on a beach, including the dunes, if prohibited from doing so by any clause within this bylaw.
- 5.2 No person shall ride a motorcycle on the beach, including the dunes.
- 5.3 No person shall drive a motor vehicle on the beach except in the areas outlined in Section 6 - Restricted Vehicle Access and described and set out in schedules 2 and 3 of this bylaw.
- 5.4 No person shall drive a motor vehicle on the beach for any purpose other than those specified in clauses 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 of this bylaw.
- 5.5 Recreational driving on the beach, as defined in section 4 is prohibited.

6 RESTRICTED VEHICLE ACCESS

- 6.1 Clauses 6 and 7, and the sub-clauses thereto, set out restrictions that apply to driving on any Council beaches that are authorised by this bylaw, notwithstanding the provisions of clauses 5.1 to 5.5.
- 6.2 A person may drive a motor vehicle from the Kairaki Beach Car Park, located at the Waimakariri River Mouth, to the Ocean Outfall, as described and set out in schedule 2. [Vehicle access in this area is](#) only for the purposes of boat launching or retrieval, taking machinery and equipment used for legitimate recreational purposes (this may include, but is not limited to jet skis, wind surfing boards and land yachts) to and from the water's edge, fishing, whitebaiting, mahinga kai gathering, or to enable disability access for holders of mobility parking permits.
- 6.3 A person may drive a motor vehicle in the restricted vehicle area, as described and set out in schedule 2, from the Waimakariri District's northern boundary to the north of the Ashley/Rakahuri River Mouth, only for the purposes of boat launching or retrieval, fishing, whitebaiting and mahinga kai gathering.
- 6.4 A person, upon obtaining a permit, may drive a motor vehicle through the locked gate at the Ashley/Rakahuri River Mouth Car Park and along the access route, as described and set out in schedules 2 and 3, to gain access to the Ashley/Rakahuri River Mouth. Permits may be issued for the purposes of boat launching or retrieval, fishing, whitebaiting and mahinga kai gathering, and are subject to the terms and conditions described and set out in schedule 1 of this bylaw.
- 6.5 A person holding a permit in accordance with clause 6.4 of the bylaw shall remain on the access route marked by the Council, from the Ashley/Rakahuri River Mouth Car Park to the beach and then remain below the last high tide mark, as described and set out in schedules 2 and 3.
- 6.6 The access route marked by the Council from the Ashley/Rakahuri River Mouth Car Park to the River Mouth, as described in schedules 2 and 3, may be physically relocated from time to time by the Council, following receipt of river management engineering and ecological advice. Signage will be used to advise users of any changes to the location of the route.

- 6.7 People driving permitted or exempted motor vehicles shall stay clear of areas of driftwood and other detritus likely to be used for bird habitats in the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas or on beach areas adjacent to the estuary.

7. USE OF VEHICLES - GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 7.1 The *Land Transport Act 1998* defines the beach as a road and therefore all motor vehicles driven on the beach are required to be registered and licensed, and all drivers are required to be licensed, where they are required to be registered and licensed under the Act.
- 7.2 No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a beach other than below the last high tide mark, unless it is unsafe to do otherwise, except when using an access route specified in this bylaw, or when at the Waimakariri River Mouth.
- 7.3 No person shall drive a motor vehicle through a beach area that is flagged for surf lifesaving patrols, except as provided for by approval under clause 16, and subject to the conditions set out in any such approval.
- 7.4 No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a beach area that has been reserved, by the Council from time to time and for periods set by the Council, for events from which vehicular activities are excluded.
- 7.5 No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any beach, adjacent land area or access track at a speed in excess of 30 kilometres per hour or at a speed in excess of 10 kilometres per hour within 50 metres of any other person not in the motor vehicle.
- 7.6 No person shall drive or ride a vehicle on any part of the beach where vehicles are allowed, in a manner, which having regard to all the circumstances of the case, is or might be dangerous to the public or to any person.
- 7.7 All persons operating a motor vehicle on a beach shall give way and show due consideration to all bathers, persons on foot, ~~and to bathers~~, horses and other animals at all times. Birds and their nests must be avoided.
- 7.8 Any person who obtains a permit, permission or exemption under this bylaw to take a motor vehicle onto any beach shall strictly comply with any terms and conditions included within that permit or permission.

8. PROHIBITED HORSE ACCESS

- 8.1 No person shall drive, ride, lead, let wander or otherwise use any horse or horses within the prohibited area extending from immediately north of the beach entrance to the Waikuku Beach Horse Float Car Park and Access Trail to the north of the Ashley /Rakahuri River Mouth, as described and set out in schedule 4 of this bylaw.
- 8.2 Horse training is prohibited on the beach outside of the permitted northern and Woodend Beach areas, as described and set out in schedule 4 of this bylaw.
- 8.3 Horses are prohibited from accessing the beach via the Pines Beach horse accessway at the end of Reid Memorial Avenue.

9. RESTRICTED HORSE ACCESS

- 9.1 Clauses 9 and 10, and the subclauses thereto, set out the restrictions on horse access that are authorised by this bylaw, notwithstanding the provisions of clauses 8.1 to 8.3.
- 9.2 Recreational horse riders and horse trainers may drive, ride, lead or otherwise use a horse or horses in the restricted horse area, as described and set out in schedule 4, from the Waimakariri District's northern boundary to the north of the Ashley/Rakahuri River Mouth.
- 9.3 Recreational horse riders may drive, ride, lead or otherwise use a horse or horses in the restricted horse area, as described and set out in schedule 4, from Kairaki Beach to the south side of the beach entrance to the Waikuku Beach Horse Float Car Park and Access Trail.
- 9.4 Horse trainers may drive, ride, lead or otherwise use a horse or horses in the restricted horse training area, as described and set out in schedule 4, which runs approximately 3.2 km's (2-mile training run) either side of the beach entrance to the Woodend Beach Horse Float Car Park and Access Trail.
- 9.5 Open access to the beach for recreational horse riders will be provided from the Kairaki Beach Car Park and at Pines Beach, via a horse step over bar located at the eastern end of Reid Memorial Avenue, as described and set out in schedule 4.
- 9.6 Open access to the beach for recreational horse riders and horse trainers will be provided along a trail from the Woodend Beach Horse Float Car Park, via a horse step-over bar, as described and set out in schedule 4. Access via a gate is also available during day light hours at the discretion of Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust. That trail only, and not surrounding land, shall be used for horse access.
- 9.7 A permit shall be required by all people seeking to take a horse through the locked access gate at the Waikuku Beach Horse Float Car Park and then along a trail to the beach, as described and set out in schedule 4. That trail only, and not surrounding land, shall be used for horse access.
- 9.8 Recreational horse riders should not pass through flagged surf lifesaving patrol areas. In the event this is unavoidable on a return trip, riders must take all care to safely pass through the flagged area.
- 9.9 Horse trainers shall not drive, ride, lead or otherwise pass with a horse through a flagged surf lifesaving patrol area.
- 9.10 No person shall drive, ride, lead, let wander or otherwise use any horse or horses, on a beach area that has been reserved by the Council from time to time and for periods set by the Council, for events from which those equine activities are excluded.
- 10. EQUINE ACTIVITIES – GENERAL CONDITIONS**
- 10.1 Any person undertaking an equine-related activity on a beach area shall remain below the last high tide mark, except when on an access trail as described and set out in schedule 4, when moving from the access trail to the last high tide mark, when at the Waimakariri River Mouth, or to avoid a potentially unsafe situation.
- 10.2 Any person undertaking an equine-related activity on a beach area shall give way and show due consideration to pedestrians at all times.

- 10.3 Any person driving a horse and sulky shall stay well clear of pedestrians at all times and ensure their driving does not endanger any person, bird or other animal.
- 10.4 The use of the designated horse training area at Woodend Beach will be in accordance with a user agreement between the Council and Woodend Beach horse training representatives. This agreement is to be reviewed annually prior to the start of each summer season.
- 10.5 Any person in charge of a horse shall remove the faeces passed by their horse/s from the horse float car parks.

11. INTERFERENCE WITH BEACH AREAS AND OTHER BEACH USERS

- 11.1 Without the prior written permission of an authorised officer, no person shall on a beach, or adjacent land area:
- (a) remove, destroy, damage, displace, deface, or otherwise interfere with any sign, post, fence, barrier, warning device, structure or building erected by the Council, [Canterbury Regional Council Environment Canterbury](#), Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust, Department of Conservation, Canterbury Surf Life Saving Association or an approved surf lifesaving club.
 - (b) erect, construct, fix or place any sign, post, fence, barrier, warning device, structure or building except when the person is otherwise expressly authorised by the Council, [Canterbury Regional Council Environment Canterbury](#), Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust, Department of Conservation, Canterbury Surf Life Saving Association or an approved surf lifesaving club to do so.
 - (c) introduce any substance that may cause injury to another person, animal or plant life.
 - (d) destroy, injure, disturb or otherwise interfere with or cause distress to any roosting, nesting, resting or feeding birds or remove or destroy any bird nest or the contents of a bird nest.
- 11.2 No person shall intentionally obstruct, disturb, or interfere with any other person's legitimate use or enjoyment of the beach or adjacent land areas.
- 11.3 No person shall, without lawful authority, hunt, kill, dispose of, or have in his or her possession, any part of any absolutely protected or partially protected wildlife or marine wildlife, or rob, disturb, destroy, or have in his or her possession the nest of any such wildlife as per sections 3, 63 and 63A of the *Wildlife Act 1953*.

12. PROHIBITED FREEDOM CAMPING AREA

- 12.1 No person shall freedom camp within the bylaw area (See glossary for definition).

13. RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED AREAS FOR SPECIFIED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 13.1 No person shall use a drone or model aircraft or take off or land an aircraft, including a microlight or helicopter, within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas, [and adjacent beach areas](#), as described and set out in schedule 5. Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) rules apply to the use of the air space over the estuary.

- 13.2 The Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine area, as described and set out in schedule 5, is a restricted area for kite surfing in accordance with a user agreement between the Council, Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury, Northern Pegasus Bay kite surfing community, Canterbury Windsports Association Inc, Birds NZ, the Ashley-Rakahuri Rivercare Group Inc and Braided River Aid Inc (BRaid). This user agreement is to be reviewed annually prior to the start of the kite surfing season, which runs from November to April, and whenever significant changes to the coastal environment during this period necessitate additional reviews.
- 13.3 Land yachts shall only be operated on the beach in the area between Kairaki Beach and the beach entrance to the Waikuku Beach Horse Float Car Park and Access Trail.
- 13.4 Land yacht operators shall not pass through flagged surf lifesaving patrol areas. In the event this is unavoidable on a return trip, operators must dismount and push their yacht through the flagged area.
- 13.5 Environment Canterbury's Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016 applies to the Ashley River/Rakahuri and estuary area. This bylaw requires powered watercraft to stay within a 5-knot speed limit when on the river or any of its tributaries, downstream of the State Highway 1 Bridge.
- 14. RESTRICTED FIRE CONTROL AREAS**
- 14.1 ~~Fires in the open air are permitted within the Bylaw area during an open season unless lit within an area managed by another agency such as TKTT, DOC or ECAN. Fire and Emergency NZ (FENZ) require a fire permit issued by FENZ for lighting a fire during a restricted season. No fires are permitted to be lit in the open in the Bylaw area during prohibited fire seasons. Please note the fire seasons are defined and prescribed by FENZ.~~ Fires in the open air are prohibited within the bylaw area. Exemptions may be granted with prior written approval from the Waimakariri District Council.
- 14.2 Cultural cooking fires, examples include hāngī, umu, and lovo, are permitted and most adhere to FENZ safety guidelines.
- 14.3 Braziers are an approved fire type in open and restricted fire seasons and do not require a FENZ permit.
- 15. FIREWORKS**
- 15.1 Setting off any firework, flare or any other explosive material within the bylaw area is prohibited. Exemptions may be granted with prior written approval from the Waimakariri District Council.
- 15.2 Firework means an object containing hazardous substances with explosive properties.
- 16. DOG CONTROL**
- 16.1 All dogs are prohibited from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas, as described and set out in schedule 5, but this requirement shall not apply to holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses who are permitted to use gamebird dogs during gamebird hunting season.

- 16.2 [All dogs are prohibited from the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the Low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley/Rakahuri River Mouth, as described and set out in schedule 5.](#)
- 16.3 All dogs are prohibited from within the areas marked by surf lifesaving patrol flags and from an area extending 50 metres beyond the flags, in accordance with this bylaw and the Dog Control Bylaw 2019.
- 16.4 All dogs on the beach shall be kept under continuous and effective control at all times in accordance with this bylaw and the Dog Control Bylaw 2019.
- 16.5 Dogs which are not able to be kept under effective voice control around horses shall be placed on a lead when in the vicinity of a horse.
- 16.6 Any dog found not under continuous and effective control on the beach may be seized and detained by any authorised officer, or a person employed by the Council, and be impounded in accordance with this bylaw and the Dog Control Bylaw 2019.
- 16.7 No person being the owner of, or having the control of, any dog shall permit the dog to foul any part of the beach with droppings, provided that no offence shall be deemed to have been committed against this bylaw and the Dog Control Bylaw 2019 when the person having control of the dog removes the droppings immediately.
- 16.8 The owner or person in charge of any dog on the beach shall carry a suitable receptacle for the removal of any faeces defecated by that dog in accordance with this bylaw and the Dog Control Bylaw 2019.

PART 2 – OTHER MATTERS

17. EXEMPTIONS

- 17.1 This bylaw does not apply to any person who commits an act that is done:
- (a) in accordance with a valid and current contract for services with the Council; or
 - (b) on a voluntary basis in accordance with a valid and current agreement entered into with the Council; or
 - (c) by a member of the emergency services in the course of carrying out his or her duties as a member of the emergency services; or
 - (d) in accordance with any operative reserve management plan, or pursuant to any resource consent under the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 17.2 This bylaw does not apply to owners of Fenton Reserves and holders of Fenton Entitlements located within the bylaw area when exercising their legal rights to access waterways associated with these reserves and entitlements for mahinga kai purposes. ~~This access is to be managed through an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees that sits alongside the bylaw and is consistent with the principles of kaitiakitanga, the underlying rights/purpose of the reserves and entitlements and the values expressed in the bylaw.~~
- 17.3 Notwithstanding any prohibition or restriction on driving a vehicle set out in this bylaw, a person may drive a vehicle on a beach in the following circumstances, providing permission is first obtained from an authorised officer:

- (a) by or on behalf of the Council, ~~Environment~~the Canterbury Regional Council, a government agency, or the Fish and Game Council, or an approved voluntary group, for the provision of enforcement services, for monitoring or ranger services, or for the rescue, protection, or disposal of marine animals or other wildlife or animals; or
- (b) by or on behalf of the Council, ~~the Canterbury Regional Council~~Environment Canterbury or a government agency for water quality sampling, flood protection, the control or cleanup of contaminants, or resource investigations or monitoring; or
- (c) by or on behalf of the Council, ~~the Canterbury Regional Council~~Environment Canterbury or a government agency, the Canterbury Surf Lifesaving Association or a surf lifesaving club, Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust, an approved 4WD club, or an approved voluntary group, for track maintenance, beach and beach facility maintenance, pest control, or the removal of rubbish or beach cast material; or
- (d) by or on behalf of the Council, ~~the Canterbury Regional Council~~Environment Canterbury, a government agency, the New Zealand Police, the New Zealand Fire Service, the New Zealand St. Johns Ambulance Service, the New Zealand Defence Force, the Canterbury Surf Lifesaving Association or a surf lifesaving club, the New Zealand Coastguard or an approved 4WD club, for the undertaking of civil defence, police, medical, rescue or firefighting training.

18. PERMISSION UNDER THIS BYLAW

- 18.1 A written permission granting exemption from a provision or provisions of this bylaw may be given on written request to the Council or an authorised officer of the Council who has been delegated this role by the Council.
- 18.2 A permission given under this bylaw may relate to:
 - (a) an activity or event or a series of activities or events, as the case may be.
 - (b) one or more clauses under this bylaw as is appropriate in the circumstances.
- 18.3 Any permission given under this bylaw may be subject to such terms and conditions as the Council or authorised officer giving the permission thinks fit.
- 18.4 The permission shall set out:
 - (a) the activity or event or activities or events which is, or are permitted or exempted; and
 - (b) the duration of the permission or exemption; and
 - (c) the areas to which the permission or exemption relates; and
 - (d) any conditions to which the permission or exemption is subject.
- 18.5 The Council may review and alter or cancel any permission or exemption given under this bylaw and will provide reasonable notice of any alteration or cancellation to the affected party.

18.6 Where this bylaw refers to written permission, that permission may be in electronic form.

19. FEES

19.1 For every application made for a permit, permission or exemption or other authority under this bylaw, the applicant shall pay to the Council such fee as the Council may prescribe in accordance with section 150 of the *Local Government Act 2002*.

19.2 The Council may, from time to time, by resolution that is publicly notified, specify the fees payable in respect of the issue of any permit, permission or exemption under this bylaw. The Council will consult on, and publicly notify its intended fees prior to making a resolution to fix such fees.

20. BREACHES AND PENALTIES

20.1 Every person commits a breach of this bylaw who:

- (a) commits, or causes to be committed, any act contrary to this bylaw; or
- (b) omits, or knowingly permits to remain undone, any act required by this bylaw; or
- (c) refuses or neglects to comply with any direction, permit, permission, exemption, notice or any condition in any such notice whether public or private, given pursuant to this bylaw; or
- (d) obstructs or hinders any authorised or enforcement officer of the Council in the performance of any power, or duty conferred upon him or her by this bylaw or fails to comply with the instructions of an authorised or enforcement officer given pursuant to this bylaw; or
- (e) fails to give their name and address to an enforcement officer when requested to do so if the officer considers this bylaw has been breached.

20.2 A breach of this bylaw is an offence and every person is liable on summary conviction to the applicable penalty provided for in the *Local Government Act 2002* and the *Land Transport Act 1998*, or such other penalty as may be prescribed in any other legislation in force at any applicable time.

20.3 In addition to summary conviction, a person may also be liable for an infringement fee as prescribed in the *Land Transport Act 1998*, *Resource Management Act 1991*, *Dog Control Act 1996* or in regulations made under the *Local Government Act 2002*.

20.4 The Council may apply to the District Court to grant an injunction restraining a person from committing a breach of this bylaw, notwithstanding that proceedings for any offence constituted by the breach have not been taken.

20.5 On being shown a current warrant of appointment by an enforcement officer, any person who is requested to do so shall provide their name and address and the name and address and whereabouts of any person connected in any way with the alleged breach, to the enforcement officer if that officer believes on reasonable grounds that a provision of the bylaw has been or is being breached.

- 20.6 Every person who breaches this bylaw, shall on request by an enforcement officer immediately stop the activity, and leave the beach or adjacent land area, including any prohibited area, if instructed to do so by the enforcement officer and may be prohibited from returning for such period as the enforcement officer deems fit.
- 20.7 Any person failing with all reasonable speed to comply with a request under clause 19.6 commits a further offence against this bylaw.
- 20.8 The Council reserves the right to cancel a vehicle or horse access permit or any written permission or exemption held by a person who is breaching or has breached this bylaw.

21. REVOCATIONS AND SAVINGS

- 21.1 The Waimakariri District Council *Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016* [\(amended 2023\)](#) is hereby amended.
- 21.2 Any approval, permission or authorisation under the Waimakariri District Council *Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016* [\(amended 2023\)](#) that is in effect at the commencement of this bylaw, continues to have full force and effect for the purposes of this bylaw, as long as it is consistent with any relevant clause in this bylaw.
- 21.3 The revocation of the Waimakariri District Council *Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016* [\(amended 2023\)](#) under clause 20.1 does not prevent any legal proceedings, criminal or civil, being taken to enforce that bylaw and such proceedings shall continue to be dealt with and completed as if the bylaw had not been revoked.

22. REVIEW OF BYLAW

- 22.1 A comprehensive review of this bylaw shall be carried out no later than 2024⁹ as required by the *Local Government Act 2002*.
- 22.2 The Council reserves the right to carry out an early review of any aspect of the bylaw that has not been found to have been effective in addressing identified user conflicts, health and safety concerns, matters of public nuisance and environmental issues.

PART 3 – SCHEDULES

23. SCHEDULE 1: ASHLEY/RAKAHURI RIVER MOUTH MOTOR VEHICLE ACCESS PERMIT SYSTEM

The schedule below specifies the terms and conditions, as determined by Council resolution from time to time, which apply to the permits required for vehicle use in the restricted areas described and set out in schedules 2 and 3 and is in addition to clauses 6 and 7 of the bylaw.

- (a) A permit is issued to a person, not a vehicle, and shall be carried by the holder at all times they seek to make use of it.
- (b) Permits are not transferable to any other person. They may be immediately revoked, and penalties and/or prosecution may be imposed for breaches of the conditions. They do not supersede any requirements under other legislation including by way of example only, but not limited to, the *Land Transport Act 1998*, *Resource Management Act 1991* and the *Wildlife Act 1953* and their amendments and replacements, etc.
- (c) A sticker issued to a permit holder shall be displayed on the vehicle in a prominent position to enable it to be easily identified by an enforcement officer.
- (d) Applicants shall be required to provide vehicle registration and license details and other vehicle description details, as well as the purpose the permit is being applied for, as part of their permit application for any vehicle that is intended for use on the beach.
- (e) Approved permit holders will be issued a key upon payment to the Council of a fee as specified by the Council by resolution from time to time. These permits are only available for use during the whitebait season as defined by the Department of Conservation.

24 SCHEDULE 2: VEHICLE ACCESS MAP

Schedule 2 is a map (see attached) showing approved vehicle access routes and prohibitions and restrictions on vehicle use on Waimakariri District beaches, as specified in clauses 5, 6 and 7 of this bylaw.

25 SCHEDULE 3: VEHICLE ACCESS MAP FOR ASHLEY RIVER/RAKAHURI AND SALTWATER CREEK ESTUARINE AREAS

Schedule 3 is a map (see attached) showing where vehicles are prohibited in the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas, the location of the car park, vehicle access gate and access route for permitted vehicles, as specified in clauses 6.4 and 6.5 of this bylaw. Permitted vehicles shall stay clear of areas of driftwood and other detritus likely to be used for bird habitats on the access track, as set out in clause 6.7 of this bylaw. The map also shows the Fenton Reserves and Entitlements located in the general area.

26 SCHEDULE 4: HORSE ACCESS MAP

Schedule 4 is a map (see attached) showing designated horse float car parks, horse access trails and permitted areas for recreational riding and horse training on the Waimakariri District's beaches as well as prohibited areas, as specified in clauses 8 and 9 of this bylaw.

27 SCHEDULE 5: RECREATION ACTIVITY MAP FOR ASHLEY RIVER/RAKAHURI AND SALTWATER CREEK ESTUARINE AREAS

Schedule 5 is a map (see attached) showing the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas where the recreational activities specified in clauses 8.1, 13.1 and 15.1 of the bylaw are prohibited. It also shows the activities that are restricted, as specified in clauses 13.2 and 13.5 of this bylaw.

28 SCHEDULE 6: LAND YACHT ACCESS MAP

Schedule 6 is a map (see attached) showing permitted and prohibited areas for operating land yachts on the Waimakariri District's beaches, as specified in clauses 13.3 and 13.4 of this bylaw.

29 AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULES 2 TO 6

Schedules 2 to 6 may be amended by the Council from time to time as new aerial photography becomes available and/or to indicate physical changes that are occurring to the characteristics or topography of the beaches and estuarine areas included in the bylaw area.



Vehicle Access Waikuku
(See Schedule 3 for details)

RESTRICTED NORTHERN VEHICLE ACCESS

- Access is only for the purposes of boat launching or retrieval, fishing, whitebaiting, and mahinga kai gathering.
- Below last high tide, unless it is unsafe to do otherwise.

RESTRICTED ASHLEY / RAKAHURI RIVER MOUTH VEHICLE ACCESS

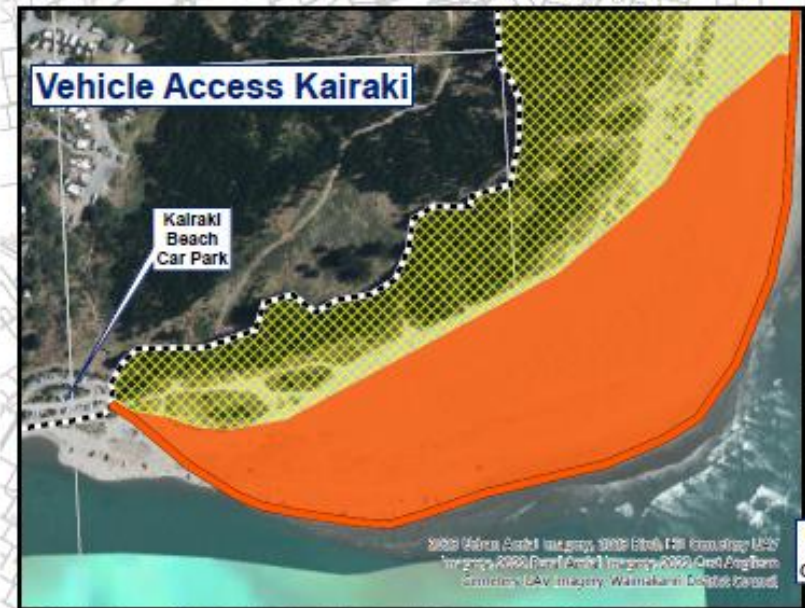
- Permit required
- Key access only
- Available during annual whitebait season
- On marked route and then below last high tide, unless it is unsafe to do otherwise
- Exemptions apply to owners of Fenton Reserve and holders of Fenton Entitlements

Bylaw applies to area within the Waimakariri District Council Boundary

The beach is a prohibited area for 2 wheeled motorbikes

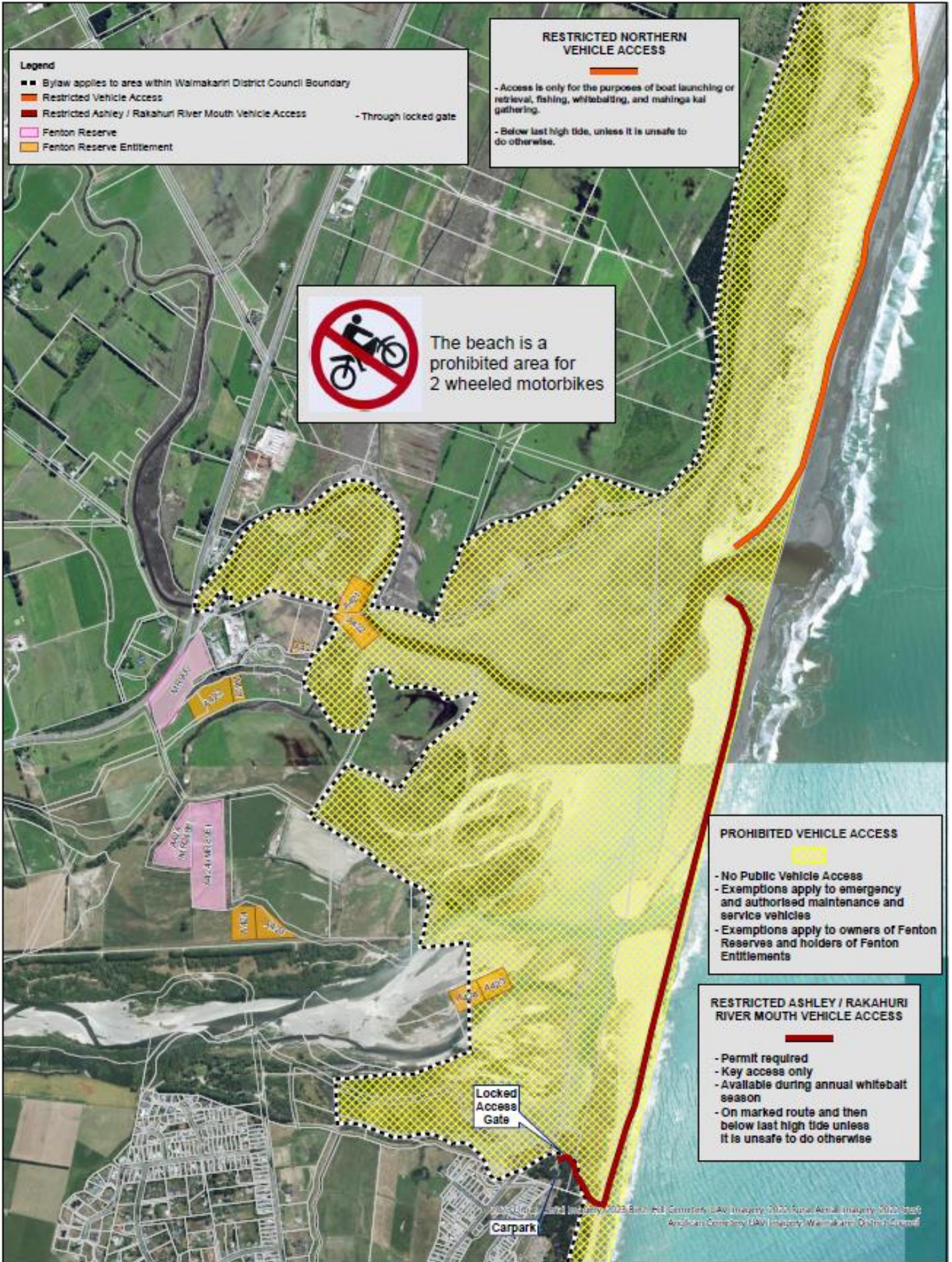
PROHIBITED VEHICLE ACCESS

- No Public Vehicle Access
- Exemptions apply to emergency and authorised maintenance and service vehicles



RESTRICTED SOUTHERN VEHICLE ACCESS

- Access is only for the purposes of boat launching or retrieval and taking machinery and equipment used for legitimate recreational purposes to the water's edge, fishing, whitebaiting, mahinga kai gathering and holders of mobility parking permits.
- Below last high tide only, apart from at the Waimakariri River Mouth & unless it is unsafe to do otherwise





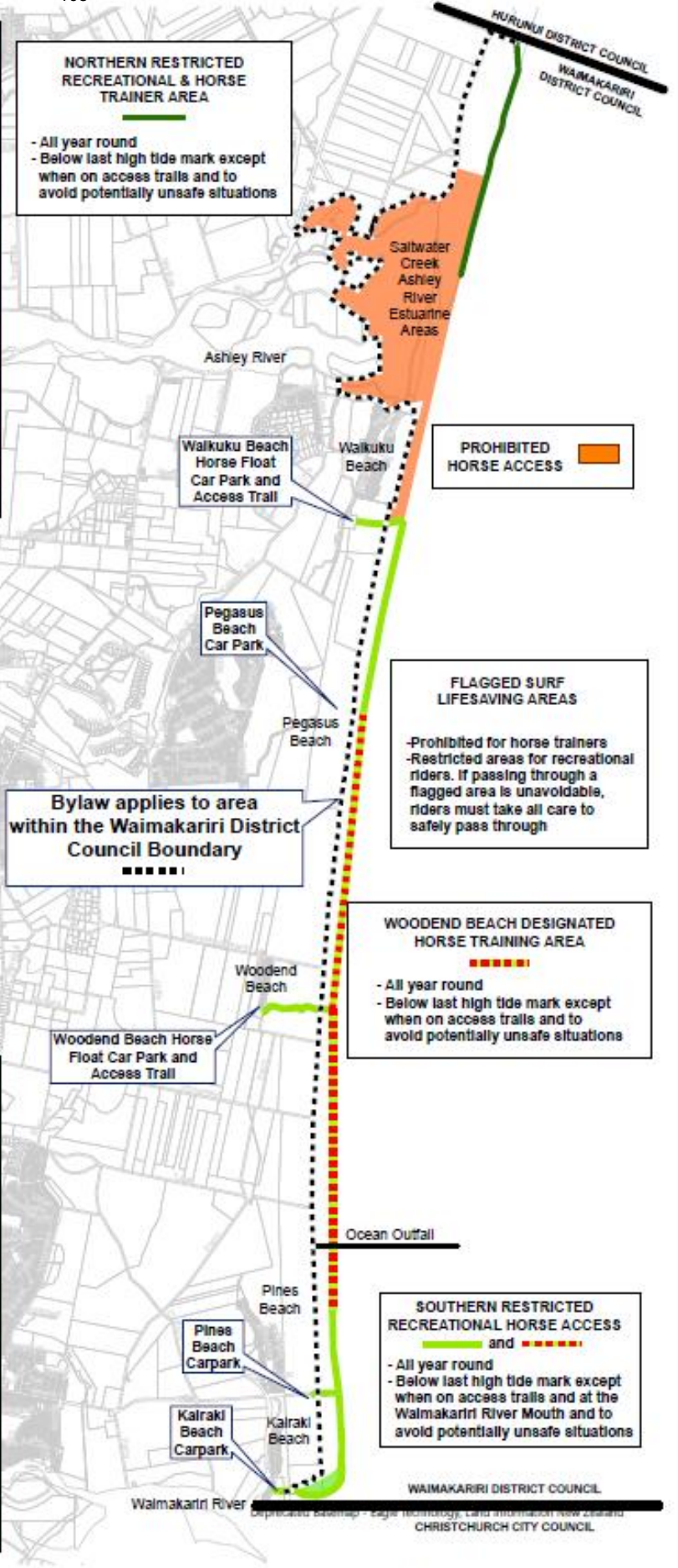
NORTHERN RESTRICTED RECREATIONAL & HORSE TRAINER AREA

- All year round
- Below last high tide mark except when on access trails and to avoid potentially unsafe situations



Bylaw applies to area within the Waimakariri District Council Boundary

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PROHIBITED HORSE ACCESS

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FLAGGED SURF LIFESAVING AREAS

- Prohibited for horse trainers
- Restricted areas for recreational riders. If passing through a flagged area is unavoidable, riders must take all care to safely pass through

WOODEND BEACH DESIGNATED HORSE TRAINING AREA

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- All year round
- Below last high tide mark except when on access trails and to avoid potentially unsafe situations

SOUTHERN RESTRICTED RECREATIONAL HORSE ACCESS

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- All year round
- Below last high tide mark except when on access trails and to avoid potentially unsafe situations



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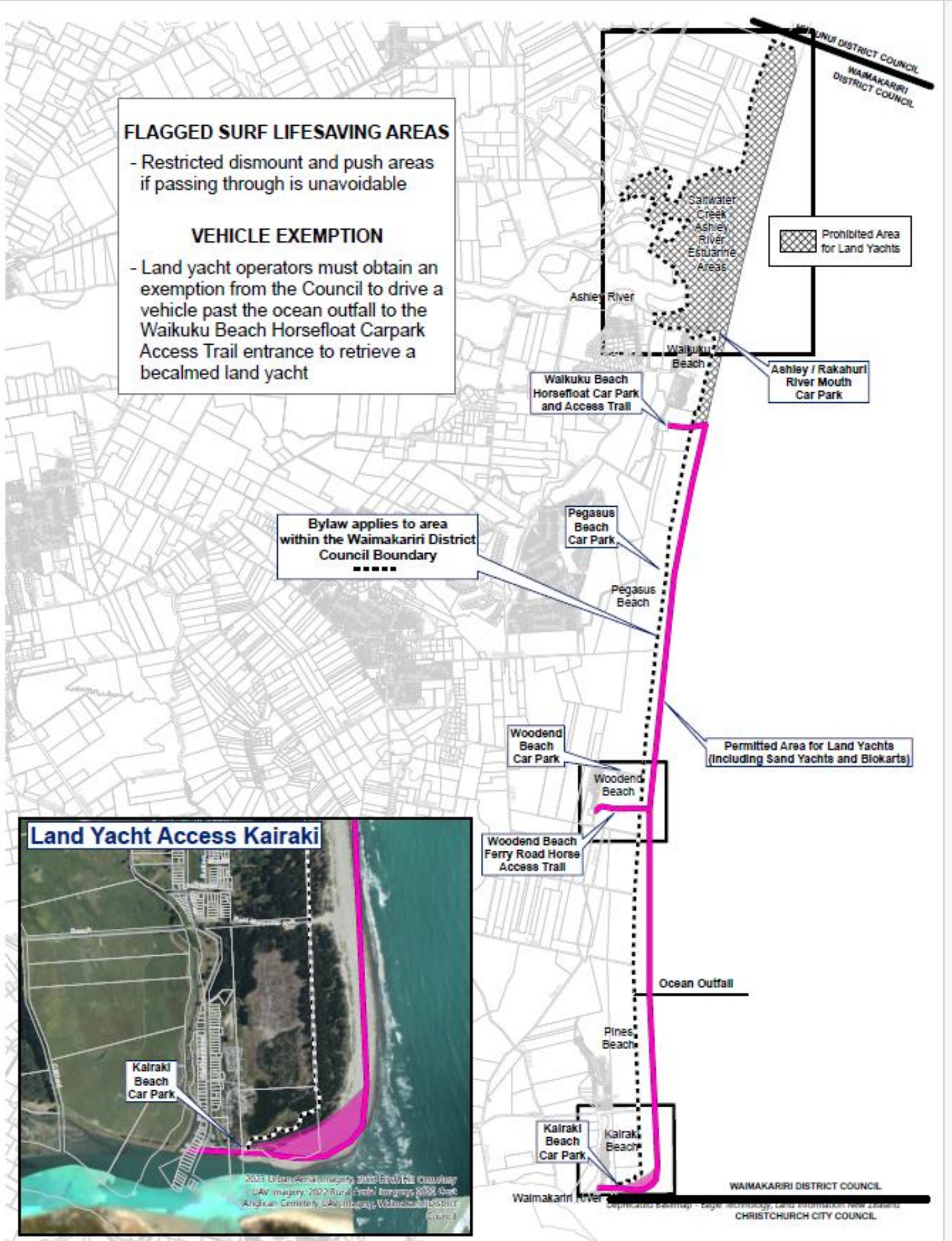
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Estuarine Area

Bylaw applies to area within the Waimakariri District Council Boundary

Pines / Kairaki

Pines Beach Car Park

Kairaki Beach Car Park

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Draft Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024

Submissions

Consultation period: 15 May to 23 June 2024



143 Submissions

- 105 online surveys
- 30 paper surveys
- 8 written submissions

Respondent No: NPBB24-01

Responded at: 2024-05-23 17:40

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-02

Responded at: 2024-05-23 19:32

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? This is an good guiding statement that I support including. But I don't think it should be used to justify actions or decisions

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? I think there is cultural value in hunting. It's untrained domestic dogs (often small and fluffy ones) that do damage to native birds. Feral cats are also likely a larger issue than pets. Hunters have well trained animals that listen to commands. There is mahinga kai value in allowing sensible hunting practices to take place here.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-03

Responded at: 2024-05-24 06:40

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Vehicle access via ashworths road - should still be allowed access for recreation purposes.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-04

Responded at: 2024-05-26 12:33

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? We as a family regularly gamebird hunt both the estuary and river, our trained gun dog is always in attendance as that is her main purpose. Fully trained never a threat to any native species which I have spent many voluntary hour previously predator trapping to protect. It seem ridiculous to us that exemptions for circumstances like this cannot be made. The untrained dogs and mindless 4wd in ecologically sensitive areas will continue with or without new bylaws without increased enforcement, while regular rule abiding public lose out .game bird license holders should not lose their exemption nor should dogs be blanket banned from the river or beach away from the estuary, more rules for rules sake that will not be properly and only adhered to by the few, that were never a problem anyway.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered



Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-05

Responded at: 2024-05-27 14:53

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? I'll be sad to not take my dog for a walk up the spit but recognise that the reason why is valid and important.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-06

Responded at: 2024-05-27 19:45

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? There is not enough signage at the Southern end of Waikuku Beach which alerts horse riders that they are not to ride north of the horse float carpark. Almost weekly I find myself having to explain to a person on horseback that they're not supposed to be riding on the beach or dunes North of this carpark. The response is "I didn't see a sign" or "where does it say that", quite possibly these people are unable to read, or maybe they are actually unaware of the rules. Also, please try harder to police bogans driving in the Ashley riverbed on the first Saturday of December.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-07

Responded at: 2024-05-27 20:10

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Can't be good for the nesting birds!!

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Please can we have better signage for the horse people to try and reduce the number of times they come galloping past small children and families enjoying the beach down from Kiwi and Broadway Streets. Many claim they didn't know they had passed the track to the horse car park or claim they didn't know horses are not allowed north of their car park. When they come up the walking track to Broadway (how could you get it mixed up with the horse track I have no idea. One has a seat for one thing!!) they ruin the track and run the risk of meeting unsuspecting dogs.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-08

Responded at: 2024-05-27 20:31

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Vehicles accounted for the highest proportion of Bylaw related issues (21%).

Of the 75 comments from respondents most were related to vehicles in prohibited areas and vehicles driving at speed on the beach. It seems very strange that your survey results have vehicles as the biggest problem on beaches & yet nothing in the bylaw review to address concerns. There is a clause added to protect the foreshore & estuary which is great and the bylaw talks about the dunes & planting, but if vehicles continue to drive through the dunes

and speed along the beach, how is that helping the environment let alone the safety of other beach users. Walkers & dog walkers being in the highest percentage of beach users.

At the Pines drop in session we heard about swimmers unable to safely exit the water due to 4WD's driving very closely in convoy along the beach. Most people at the drop in session cited driver behaviour as their number 1 concern, followed by litter & dogs. I can't understand why the biggest problem on our beaches is being ignored by the bylaw review. Why not implement a trial of no vehicles on the beach during the Summer school holidays. It doesn't prevent people doing what they enjoy as they can walk from the car park to the beach.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-09

Responded at: 2024-05-28 16:08

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Controlled dogs should be allowed on the ocean side of the spit. I agree that on the estuary side and where the dunes are being reestablished dog and walkers should not be allowed but at the low tide there is plenty of room for bird life and dogs with their owners to walk. In reality very few people head far north on the estuary. I think this decision would impact the few local dog owners who are respectful of our wildlife and who walk regularly on the beach. These are not the people you should be banning from the beach. More effort needs to be made to the countless vehicles that area on the beach and in the estuary - although some of that can be entertaining to watch from our kitchen window! Has there been any talk about people walking, swimming and playing on the estuary side?

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Sorry, please read section 6 for response to this question. Controlled dogs should be allowed on the ocean side of the spit. I agree that on the estuary side and where the dunes are being reestablished dog and walkers should not be allowed but at the low tide there is plenty of room for bird life and dogs with their owners to walk. In reality very few people head far north on the estuary. I think this decision would impact the few local dog owners who are respectful of our wildlife and who walk regularly on the beach. These are not the people you should be banning from the beach. More effort needs to be made to the countless vehicles that area on the beach and in the estuary - although some of that can be entertaining to watch from our kitchen window! Has there been any talk about people walking, swimming and playing on the estuary side?

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No



Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-10

Responded at: 2024-05-28 21:45

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? I reckon taking away the right to hunt with a dog in the estuary is silly.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? I walk my dog along here often. There are never any birds other than sea gulls on the beach

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-11

Responded at: 2024-05-30 13:43

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? If the owners are concentrating on another sport, the dogs are not under their control.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? We know, from walking in this area, too many dogs are roaming free. It would seem off leash from the beach side.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Anything on the estuary frightening the birds is of concern to us. We would like to see more signage on estuary and Salt Water Creek, main road entry, regarding speed limits of water craft.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-12

Responded at: 2024-05-30 18:21

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Please let us keep walking our dogs.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-13

Responded at: 2024-06-01 08:59

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? As a responsible gamebird hunter it is a priority to retrieve and dispatch wounded game in a timely manner. Without a dog to retrieve said game this is not achievable. Hunting season in the winter months May June July has little to no impact on other birdlife and should be removed from the bylaw amendment.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? This reduces the area the public can exercise their dogs and puts more pressure on the interaction between other beach users. With the restriction dogs during the surf patrol season at the surf club it leaves a marginal area between the northern flag and the beach access. Observation of current users will demonstrate a high % of dog owners walking north to reduce the interaction with general public.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered



Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-14

Responded at: 2024-06-04 07:56

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? But not at the sacrifice of eliminating dogs from the beach. Are you sure dogs are the problem if there is a problem with nesting birds mortality being down. What is being done to insure that the Ashley River isnt polluted with nitrates etc.? Doesnt that pose the biggest threat to wildlife. And how can hunting be allowed there? how is that protecting the birds? So gun shots must effect the birds!

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? The aircraft touch and go that I have seen is very infrequent. The noise in minimal.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? If you are going to allow hunting there how are the birds going to be retrieved from the estuary once they've been shot and killed. There should be no hunting there!!!!

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? I walk my dog there on a daily basis. I do not allow my dog to chase birds and I have not seen other dogs chase birds their either. Most dog owners are responsible. If there is a time of year where the birds are nesting, signs should be placed in the area to state birds are nesting please walk elsewhere or stick closely to the waters edge.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? All fires should be banned from the beach. The winds are always there and there is a forest which could catch on fire. I witnessed a home school group teaching children to start fires in the dunes. When I questioned the wisdom of this action they said " Well they are supervised" I said that doesnt make it right.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered



Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? There will always be people who do not obey the rules. As a responsible dog owner why should I and my dog be refused our quiet enjoyment to walk the beach together. Perhaps a seasonal ban on all activities should be implemented when the birds are nesting and more signage informing people of the potential negative effects of their dogs activities. Or state dogs must be leashed in that area.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-15

Responded at: 2024-06-05 02:45

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-16

Responded at: 2024-06-05 11:57

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Yes. However the Bylaw is compromised by the inclusion of any exemptions for Fish and Game that allow gamebird hunting.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No response

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Yes. Gamebird hunting should be banned in the Ashley River/Rakahuri area. This type of activity is not compatible with the natural/cultural values the Bylaw purports or create.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? No not at all. Instead of promoting an unenforceable rule dogs should have to be on a leash in this area.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No response

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

The Ashley Rakahuri River estuary and beach area is one of the natural jewels of the Waimakariri District. The bird life that exists in this area is of enormous significance.

This area is also the 'commons' for the people that are able to appreciate such natural places.

Over the years actions by locals and the WDC has meant bird life and quality of the beach experience for people has improved immensely.

It is however disappointing to see that the allowance and tolerance for game hunting of birds in this area remains unchallenged.

Allowing game hunting of birds in the Ashley Rakahuri estuary is an anomaly in this Bylaw which purports to enhance the region.

We do not believe that the loud intrusive activity of game hunting of birds along with the erection of private mai mai in the estuary is currently compatible with a natural wildlife area that is effectively a 'commons' to the people who recreate more peacefully there. This activity is also within very close proximity of housing and where children, families and many well balanced dogs reside.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-17

Responded at: 2024-06-06 10:24

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments?

Yes indeed I see this as an obligation of the council to protect our precious wildlife and habitat of the estuarine environment.

I however don't feel this should extend to microlights landing on our foreshore (between high and low tides).

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments?

Reviewing your full survey of users of the area I did not see one complaint about microlights landing on the beach.

As a committee members of Cant Recreational Aircraft club we have gone to great lengths to discourage fellow members from landing on the river bed during bird nesting season and from flying over the estuary. We have promulgated your river and estuary map to our members regularly.

We fly to the beach perhaps once a month and only when the tide is out. We land and take off in under 50 meters and do not cross the sensitive sand dune area to access the beach as other vehicles have to. We avoid flying over the estuary and come to the beach from the sea.

Our planes are limited by CAA rules to 600kg maximum weight which over 3 wheels is less than 200kg per wheel. Large wheels spread the load and without physics calculations suggest it is equivalent to one front row rugby player walking on the beach.

Of the 17000 km of NZ beach it is unlikely that our plane foot print is harming the shellfish populace.

Finally I feel that restricting access to our beloved and sacrosanct foreshore has been a major debate in NZ politics over many years and in my concern is this is likely to spark a judicial review.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? I see no reason to prohibit dogs on leads but free roaming dogs not under control may well cause damage to sensitive nesting sites. No such thing as bad dogs just owners without skills or desire to control them.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Plenty of other areas available. Hopefully fireworks to be banned from private use.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? No knowledge of these agreements so unable to comment.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Having read the bylaw it seems to allow a sensible balance between user freedom to enjoy our beaches with protecting valuable natural environment. No bylaw from the Hurunui council to ban microlights from landing on the beach yet.

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Please get the fine balance right between restricting our freedoms to enjoy our beautiful country and the need to protect it.

Rules can not replace personal responsibility and care.

Thank you for all the time and effort your team puts into this project.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-18

Responded at: 2024-06-06 20:21

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? No, I full agree with preventing aircraft taking off and landing within the estuary. But extending this to the beach I believe is unnecessary. Aircraft have a very minimal effect on the environment. And birds do not amass on the foreshore. They amass in the estuary. The area in schedule 5 will just move aircraft that want to land on the beach to the only suitable spots which is south of the estuary.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No response

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Yes, fire question in survey should be split into 2 questions.



Also very concerned community user groups for aircraft were not consulted before the draft. And no distinction in the initial survey report for aircraft. Was the aircraft metric merged with the vehicle metric?

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-19

Responded at: 2024-06-07 13:03

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? I think this is a backwards step for hunters in the area. As hunters, we do a lot of good for the environment and this does not help. It would also mean that hunters who use this area are more likely to lose downed birds without a dog to help retrieve them. Where is the evidence that gamebird hunters and their dogs are causing issues?

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? If banning some fires, all fires should be banned.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-20

Responded at: 2024-06-07 20:08

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? The ability to harvest wild kai is an integral part of NZ culture, and the ability for people to use trained dogs to retrieve game is a part of this.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Allowing access for harvesting kai, including waterfowl hunting, whitebaiting and other activities is an important cultural value. Allowing gamebird hunters to use dogs is needed to keep people connected to the whenua by preserving these mahinga kai traditions

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-21

Responded at: 2024-06-07 21:06

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? If you are going to ban dogs you should ban everyone else as well from this area. Dogs under control do not pose any threat or harm in the tidal zone of the beach.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? My rates have gone up from \$500 when I first moved to Wakikuku to \$6000 now. And to think that this council is spending money on things that do not need changing, instead of fixing things that do need fixing.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-22

Responded at: 2024-06-08 09:25

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No response

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? This is one of the safest areas for really small two seat aircraft (with the big tyres) in all of Pegasus bay. The spit is wide and free of debris below high tide mark, and has a low number of other users. Planes only land below high tide to avoid debris and I understand they fly over first to check it's safe and smooth to land on, to interactions with birds or users. I really like seeing people land on the beach and the planes are really quiet, I often see them but rarely hear them from Woodend. I don't have a problem with them using that section of beach for minutes at a time as they do and I don't see any evidence in the survey of others who feel the same.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? If dogs are on a lead I don't see a problem. I'm not a dog owner

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No response

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? I don't agree with land yachts being prohibited from this section either or horses. I think they are all very low impact and there is no evidence in survey beach users including myself have a problem with them. The northern spit in particular would be a very nice and safe spot to practice land sailing.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-23

Responded at: 2024-06-08 14:12

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Aware of bird habitat in the area close to the lagoon and river but see no evidence of birds north of the lagoon.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? We never land in this area due to birds.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Fish and game people have hunting dogs!
Why the exemption for them?

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not rate payers

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? I am a retired Scientist with expertise in bird behaviour and see no reason to ban aircraft landing on the beaches away from any bird habitat. Unfortunately away overseas at this time.

Supplementary information received 19 June 2024:

Science is all about having the ability to observe and gain data to get evidence of an issue.

In the 14 Years researching bird behaviour due to conflicts to mankind we developed a management tool to reduce bird strike at airports and issues at recreational grounds around the world. The data collected convinced industry to invest. A product under the patented name “Avenex” is now an industry standard. This would not have happened without data and rigorous literature reviews on bird habitat and behaviour.

In this Northern Pegasus Bylaw Review I see no data or new evidence that birds are being disturbed off the beaches at low or even high tide. On my walks observing foot and paw prints I very rarely see bird tracks. The occasional sea gull but never godwits, wrybill, plover, dotterel, or other estuary birds. These birds feed on cockles, pipi, crabs, insects, and sea worms found in the estuary not on beaches, as their food source is very limited on dry or even compacted wet sand. Birds must constantly forage for food and do not waste time looking in areas with limited resources to meet their needs. Birds feed mostly at dawn and dusk not during the day when people are about enjoying the opportunity to exercise their animals. However insectivorous, herbivorous, and omnivorous birds will take the opportunity to feed in open areas such as large paddocks when feed is abundant. Estuary birds are never seen in these large open spaces other than the Australian Plover now becoming a pest in this country.

I am in my retirement a keen walker pilot and fisherman. I find it extraordinary that this review is taking place at all. The very reason that many people enjoy this country would be constrained should present recommendations be upheld. Flying and landing about 2 kilometres North of the Ashley mouth at low tide away from any bird life is not disturbing any birds.

I am on my return happy to submit many papers collected on bird behaviour, and would love to be involved in data capture to better understand issues of bird disturbance in this estuary area.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes cancelled

Respondent No: NPBB24-24

Responded at: 2024-06-08 19:00

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? It seems to apply greater limitations to the public use of the area it limits my use of are.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? How often do aircraft land on the beach haven't seen one land there yet. Let them have there fun. The are more respectable of other users than vehicle users.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Keep all fogs out of the estuary side but allow dogs on the sea side all the down the beaches .

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Definitely NOT. It's a great area to allow dog walkers to take their dogs for a walk without the pressure of walker getting pestered by other dogs. This will reduce my freedom of choice on where I can take our fog for a walk. We use this area regularly along the sea side only.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? All fires should be banned including cultural cooking fires and braziers. There is too much undergrowth that can burn very quickly plus being a windy area this is a recipe for disaster.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered



Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Time to look at a full ban for fishing and whit baiting in the estuary Ashley river and salt water creek catchments.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-25

Responded at: 2024-06-09 11:53

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? The question is vague, what exactly do you mean by this? Of course, I want to protect the environment but I also believe the foreshore should be available for use by the community.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments?

I operate an aircraft off the beach on the north side of the Ashley River mouth and can confidently say that I do not disturb any bird life in the estuary. I observe all minimum heights as I'm legally required to do.

All my circuits are on the seaside.

The pilots of other planes I fly with are also very respectful of the rules and requirements not to fly low over the Estuary. We're all good people who meet the Fit & Proper requirements under Civil Aviation Law and among the ten I fly with are doctors, a lawyer, electrician, farmers and business owners.

We are also very conscious of not conflicting with walkers, cars, motorbikes, fishermen, horses etc.

In my experience, the few other beach users in this area are comfortable with our operations and will often come for a chat if we're stopped. To date I've not seen or heard of any negative feedback.

Further I'm concerned at the wording of the question.

The question is framed so that an agreeable person (which most people are) will say "Yes" because they don't have a reason to say "No". This is not fair, you have given no context to the question and reasons why planes should be banned. Also, you haven't given people the option of saying they "don't know" or "don't have an opinion" so are forced to say one way or the other which by default will be "Yes".

You haven't told submitters that we operate below the high tide mark and therefore don't damage the sand dunes. Or mentioned that we circuit out to sea and therefore don't fly low over the estuary.

In closing we are part of this community, we operate with care and respect and I'm disappointed that the Council have worded the question in such a way that the default answer is "Yes" to banning planes.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Sorry I don't have enough information to say one way or the other.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Don't have enough information.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Don't have enough information.

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not happy with Yes / No being the only option. You have given some background on some of the questions but no information about the consequences of the choices.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-26

Responded at: 2024-06-09 13:19

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments?

I fly aircraft regularly to the proposed area of change. Aircraft can only safely land well below the high tide mark on the hard sand, usually within an hour of low tide. This poses no danger and has no effect on bird life, I only land if there are no other beach users in the immediate area.

The landing speed for my aircraft is 50 kmh, not a high speed.

I am aware of the areas not to land in, and I see this as an unnecessary law that will limit my enjoyment of the beach. I am also concerned this will lead to other landing bans in the district.

We all should be able to use this area safely and with consideration for others. Please do not extend the prohibited area. If you have concerns contact me and I take you for a flight and show you what limited impact the aircraft landing has.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered



Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? I am really disappointed that key stakeholders like Aviation Clubs and pilots at Rangiora were not consulted prior to the proposed changes being offered for public consultation on the extension of the prohibited landing area. This is a radical proposed change that doesn't seem to be based any evidence. Please don't make unnecessary changes that reduce the enjoyment of the area for citizens.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-27

Responded at: 2024-06-11 15:04

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? As responsible dog owners who walk regularly along the beachfront to the Ashley river mouth we believe that all dogs be allowed to continue to do this within 50 metres of the high tide mark. As long as the owners clean up after their dog & dog is under control.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-28

Responded at: 2024-06-12 16:08

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Absolutely DISAGREE with this proposal. Provided dogs are under proper control, as per the Council's Dog Control Bylaws, I see absolutely no need to restrict people walking their dogs to the river-mouth. Dog-walking is to be encouraged for both the physical and mental health of the owners and their dogs, and to put a restriction such as this in place seems counter-productive. By all means, take more steps to enforce the current rules, but don't put any further restrictions in place with respect to dogs. Put some more emphasis, time and money, in to better signage and increasing public awareness of the reasons why the estuarine areas need to be restricted.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered



Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Please put a lot more effort in to enforcement of the existing rules. These have been in place for quite some time now, and are still being flaunted - particularly motor vehicles on the beach. Perhaps a bit more effort needs to go in to signage and education to try to attain greater public awareness.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-29

Responded at: 2024-06-12 21:46

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-30

Responded at: 2024-06-13 08:28

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments?

That doesn't really mean anything without context, what a political statement.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments?

In the whole time I have lived at the beach I have seen 1 aircraft land on the river.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments?

On the beach (not the estuary where they nest) how many birds exactly have been destroyed by dogs?

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments?

HUGE NO and I think every dog owner in waikuku will agree. What is the point in living by the beach if you can't walk your dog on it. The birds are rarely even there. The Rivercare group has gone to far, I used to be a supporter but now I can't stand them they can't apply basic common sense.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? I good bonfire on the beach is a kiwi right, what is the problem if it is below the hightide line?

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Unsure

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

How about actually policing the issues, 4x4s etc driving on the estuary. When these are reported nothing is done also dumping of rubbish on the river bed. Why not install trail cameras, instead of just banning all the responsible people and dog owners from enjoying the environment they live by.

I have lost all respect for the river care group as well as waimak council dan Gordon never delivers anything to the community we have been voicing concerns with drainage for years and it falls on deaf ears, maybe we should ban him from our estuary.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-31

Responded at: 2024-06-13 09:24

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Rare and unique birds such as the wrybill, far-eastern curlew and black stilt are often found in the estuary.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? I did hear gunshots on the 9th of June while birding. Surely hunting is banned in the estuary and surrounding areas. Otherwise it should be.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? A lot of the dogs that go to the estuary often come from the beach portion of the spit.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Only during an open fire season.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? I had not known of such an agreement.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-32

Responded at: 2024-06-13 09:27

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-33

Responded at: 2024-06-13 09:49

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Dogs are not compatible with the precious birdlife that depends on this area for feeding and nesting.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not sure about this. The Fenton Reserve is longstanding and important to the local iwi.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? It is time for some 21st century environmental attitudes regarding the Ashley estuary.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-34

Responded at: 2024-06-13 10:58

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments?

This is a critical area for migrating birds feeding over spring and summer.
 This area is an area of cultural significance, for Maori, food gathering, living.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments?

Low flying planes are distracting the bird life from feeding, and frightening them.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? nesting birds.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? A wholistic view is required to maintain and improve Ashley Rakahuri Estuary. Pope Francis Laudato Si encyclical calls us to care for the earth and care for the poor. Where our earth is being degraded, there also will be poverty. I am happy to discuss this further if necessary, however outside the perimetres of the submission.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-35

Responded at: 2024-06-13 10:51

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? I do not agree with the proposed dog changes

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Who ever came up with this obviously doesn't have a dog or has lost their beach enjoyment. I have lived in the area for 4 years and walk my dogs on the beach everyday. If I choose to walk by dogs near the estuary or near the river mouth then I put them on a lead and I feel like this would have been a better suggestion from the council rather than to ban dogs completely. This country is already so anti dogs and this is just another case for it. I would have thought banning horses and 4wds from waikuku beach would be a more comprehensive way of protecting wildlife. Whitebaiters should have to carry their nets to the water ...how about that for protecting the beach.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Ban cultural cooking.....cant have one rule for one and another rule for someone else!

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered



Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? What is the council up to?

Wheres the plan to stop erosion? wheres the strategic planting? What is your plan to protect the beach communities?

Plant trees and stop horses and vehicles ruining the sand dunes!

Cummon guys..give your dog a cuddle and a beach walk

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-36

Responded at: 2024-06-13 12:56

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? I don't agree with this clause, I think dogs on a lead is acceptable when walking to the river mouth. We walk every day around Waikuku, the beach and Ashley River area, always with our dogs on a lead I would be extremely upset if this was stopped.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-37

Responded at: 2024-06-13 13:28

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not totally. As with everything there needs to be compromises so everyone thinks they have had a gain to some degree and been heard.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? One rule for all.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? There has to be a compromise here.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Any fire on the beach is a danger with the forest so close. Prohibit all fires.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? No comment - not familiar with the agreement.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? No comment.

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

More consultation with unexpected works - eg viewing platform.

Toilets badly need an upgrade - when will this happen - money better spent here than platforms.

Does climate change come into the way birds change migratory patterns?

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-38

Responded at: 2024-06-13 13:53

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Vehicles should have more restrictions.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No response

Q4. Any comments? I'm not informed enough on this to know.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? People have shown they can't be responsible with their dogs so I'd like to see them more monitored and restricted.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? So much yes.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? I don't know what this is.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?
Fireworks need to be banned.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-39

Responded at: 2024-06-13 15:27

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No response

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No response

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? I think as long as dog owners are responsible to keep their dogs off the bird nesting estuary area then they should have access to walk their dogs North of the carpark to the Ashley river mouth. Any areas for dogs near flagged swimming areas is not acceptable for me due to dog poo and that would include a good distance either side as the poo can travel in the water. I've never seen swimmers north of the carpark but have over the years seen many many happy dogs and walkers. There are so many places you can't take dogs now. There are so many people using dog parks which is good but can be hazardous with big dogs running together and knocking people over. I've heard of ambulances and broken legs and injuries to people that have occurred because of this. Also some dogs just don't get along with other dogs and need bigger spaces. I've always found people to be responsible with their dogs on that area of the beach. With all the stones that have been washed up since the flood and river mouth altered a few years back it is really only good to walk on at low tide so dogs are well away from the estuary side. I'm mainly thinking of the bigger dog also. These dogs need lots of space to run for a good time to be happy and that stretch of beach has been such a good thing. When u think of the size of the country and the amount of areas that wild birds and animals have to roam its sad that dog owners are becoming so restricted. Thanks to the council for all the areas they have make available for dogs over the years has been much appreciated.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No response

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response



Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-40

Responded at: 2024-06-13 18:41

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? i don't agree with the proposed bylaw.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? I've only seen them land on a low tide.causing no harm.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? No. duck hunters have their dogs under control.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments?

identify the breeding season and have dog owners keep dogs on a lead over that period.
Easier to police and educate over the breeding season.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? What agreement is there with Fenton Reserves Trustees?
i think people should have access to gather food keeping away from breeding colonies.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? keep it simple!

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Public apathy which the council then takes advantage of.
whether or not the final decision is done democratically for the good of everybody.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-41

Responded at: 2024-06-13 21:20

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Yes this is a good idea. The cultural value includes people's use of the beach in their historic cultural manner which must be allowed to continue and not be banned.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Ok if there is not valid reason for them to do this.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? It's a bit close to housing but essentially safe.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Definitely no. People have been walking the beach for decades. It's their cultural right to continue this. This is a poor option and will not achieve the stated objective as there are so many more factors that impact the birds much more significantly than people walking the beach with their best friends.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? I thought they were not allowed for safety reasons. I.e. too close to the forest. The exemption means that all you have to do is cook a sausage and it's a cultural cooking fire.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? No idea what this is.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Re the dog proposal:

1. The current bylaw is a sensible BALANCE between people's rights and bird rights. This proposal is a step too far.
2. The proposal has the potential to create conflict as humans and their dogs are forced to walk south from the northern carpark. After a short walk they will be crossing the area in front of the surf club.
3. People have cultural rights which must be respected. People come from wide and far to Waikuku as a special destination to walk with their human and canine friends.
4. Banning things is a very blunt instrument. The council should work harder to find better options. This is taking an easy option to be seen to be doing something rather than addressing the major causes that impact the birds. Cats. rats. Gills. Falcons etc.
5. Some of the information presented at the meeting is not factual or relates to other areas. Proposal Must be based on proven facts not observations and hear say.
6. How many of the complaints about dogs recorded in the waimak relate to birds. Using complaints against dogs as a reason the ban them from the spit when they complaints are unrelated to birds is ridiculous.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-42

Responded at: 2024-06-14 11:21

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-43

Responded at: 2024-06-14 11:33

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-44

Responded at: 2024-06-14 12:42

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? This seems a significant over reaction to a small number of irresponsible dog owners at the expense of those of us who enjoy (with our dogs) the peace and joy from the ability to walk the entirety of the spit. Having been associated with Waikuku Beach for over 55 years, I am really concerned that once again the quality of life in Waikuku Beach is being eroded by petty regulations that do not address the real issue which is those few irresponsible dog owners. Maybe instead of stopping people enjoying life more resource should be put into enforcing regulations that currently exist.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-45

Responded at: 2024-06-14 12:54

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Have seen dogs chasing birds and one attack

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-46

Responded at: 2024-06-14 13:12

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Makes it clear and meaningful.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments?

To make rules consistent: if it creates noise and disturbs the wildlife, ban it.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments?

Certainly, they create nuisance, disturbance, and destruction to habitat and wildlife.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments?

Consistency. They do not need to be there, as there are many places to walk dogs in Waimak.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Reduce fire risk, and the activity is not necessary.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Its the general public, who pay the rates, who are entitled to have a say. Organisations need have no special privileges.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Effectiveness is increased.

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? If you are going to ban 2 wheel motorbikes, why not ban 4 wheelers and horses as well? They all create noise and disturbance.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-47

Responded at: 2024-06-14 13:20

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments?

But the area should be for the benefit of people to enjoy and protect the environment

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Aircraft present no hazard to the environment as they can only land at low tide and up to the high tide mark. They only land when there are no people on the beach. They are low weight and do not damage the beach in any way. I fully support beach landings at the mouth of the Ashley river.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? no interest

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No response

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? I support the ban on vehicles on the beach above the high tide mark. As a swimmer of the beach I have come very close to being run over by vehicles when sitting at the start of the dunes. They are very dangerous



I object to having to look both ways down the beach before entering the water!!

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-48

Responded at: 2024-06-14 14:59

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments?

I disagree, would prefer controlled area or dog on leash. Total prohibition is too extreme for responsible dog owners and will have impact onto community wellbeing.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-49

Responded at: 2024-06-14 18:53

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-50

Responded at: 2024-06-14 21:13

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments?

Protect the natural value of the foreshore and estuary environment.- it is for everyone so not cultural value unless it relates to everyone - no special privileges for any group.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? There needs to be a permit for everyone wanting to light a fire - including cultural cooking fires -the reason you prohibit fires applies to cultural. cooking fires, so no exceptions - we all need to look after our environment.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-51

Responded at: 2024-06-14 22:57

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments?

One of the reasons we bought in the areas is specifically because of Waikiki beach and the fact that I can walk my dogs on it. It is completely inappropriate to take that away from dog owners. Dogs are already excluded from the whole estuary area, so to exclude them from the beach as well is NOT ok.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Yes. Don't limit dog access any more than it already is!

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-52

Responded at: 2024-06-15 08:29

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? There needs to be more signage and more enforcement of the rules. Too many dogs off the lead on our beach!

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? I don't see how a cultural fire is different - should be one rule for all

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-53

Responded at: 2024-06-15 10:23

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? I agree that dogs should not be in the estuary where birds nest but I do not agree with banning dogs from the beach in this area as birds do not nest below the high tide line where the dogs walk. As Waikuku resident I have never witnessed a dog attack or chase birds other than seagulls fishing in which case they fly away. I see no benefit to banning dogs in this area.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? There should be a blanket ban on all fires and fireworks on the beach. The fire risk to the dunes is too great.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? The destruction caused by fourwheel drives on the nesting side of the estuary is a massive concern to me. Year after year nesting birds, their eggs and chicks are decimated by mindless



drivers in this area who cause so much damage and rubbish dumping in this area. This area seems to be a lawless part of the estuary as it is mainly unseen and unmanned by WDC. It is a far more fragile ecological part of the estuary on this side of the dunes than the beach.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-54

Responded at: 2024-06-15 10:25

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? WDC needs to step up

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Great thing to do.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Don't know what that is.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-55

Responded at: 2024-06-15 12:30

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Yes to protecting our environment and the creatures in that environment in a way that makes sense and still provides a space suitable for residents recreation.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? This is a very wordy and confusing statement which isn't written well for the public to easily know what they are saying yes or no to. Understand needing to look after the nesting grounds etc but when vehicles are allowed in that area it seems counter intuitive. People should still be allowed to walk their dogs along the beach as the birds aren't nesting there.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? As long as the dogs are on the beach and not in the dunes I think it's OK and beneficial to many people and dogs quality of life.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Fires on beach is OK when there isnt a fire ban, no to fireworks for noise and environmental pollution.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? I don't know much about this so can't comment.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? I don't know much about this so can't comment.



Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Vehicles along the beach and estuary do alot more damage and cause more inconvenience for people than dogs do.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-56

Responded at: 2024-06-15 13:15

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Freedom on the beach

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Aircraft in the estuary is plain stupid

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Freedom to the beach

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? A fire is a fire

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Four
wheel drives should be band on the beach not dog

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-57

Responded at: 2024-06-15 17:36

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-58

Responded at: 2024-06-15 17:42

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-59

Responded at: 2024-06-15 17:52

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-60

Responded at: 2024-06-15 18:58

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-61

Responded at: 2024-06-15 19:26

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-62

Responded at: 2024-06-15 23:54

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-63

Responded at: 2024-06-16 08:53

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Hunting dogs are well controlled and so not an issue for the protection of birds.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Dogs on the beach do not disturb the nesting birds. The only issue is if dogs go further west into the estuary area. I am a daily user of the beach area for my dogs and spend a lot of time on the beach. I have never seen an issue with dogs being on the beach area. If there has to be a change made (and I'm not sure why it would) then dogs only on leads would be a far better compromise.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Either allow fires, or no fires at all. I agree with the firework ban

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? I do not know enough about this to comment.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-64

Responded at: 2024-06-16 11:40:41 +1200

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No response

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No response

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No response

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No response

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No response

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-65

Responded at: 2024-06-16 11:58

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? There is no need to prohibit dogs from beach, as there no risks posed by their presence in that particular area. They are prohibited from the estuary due to the wildlife present there, and that is respected by dog owners but the restrictions on the beach is not supported by evidence or any reasonable cause.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-66

Responded at: 2024-06-16 12:11

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-67

Responded at: 2024-06-16 14:27

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? If resource was going to be invested in protecting the native birdlife, it would be more effectively spent on enforcing bikes and vehicles staying off the riverbed in the estuary area from the Kings Ave (Waikuku entrance) carpark east to the sea, and dogs being on a lead from the estuary carpark eastwards to the sea (North Waikuku Beach).

I am a local rate payer and dog owner who has lived locally since my dog was a puppy and she is never off the lead - anywhere. She is always picked up after. Her registration is always paid promptly - yet the proposed changes smart of control rather than protection, and an 'everyone is punished for the actions of a few' approach.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

**Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?**

I would like to acknowledge that you have afforded us our democratic right to contribute our constructive voice to any conversation, irrespective of the kaupapa.

The changes in relation to dogs being on our beach within the low tide area outlined on the map will be passed to the detriment of our community health, wellbeing and spirit.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-68

Responded at: 2024-06-16 17:25

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-69

Responded at: 2024-06-16 17:43

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Vehicles should be banned from this area.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-70

Responded at: 2024-06-16 18:01

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments?

Leashed dogs pose no threat to nesting birds. I run and walk with my dog regularly up to the river mouth from the Ashley River Waikuku beach carpark. She is a terrier and always on a lead even when I run, and never ever disturbs the birds. The beach should be available as a resource for us all to enjoy and is an extraordinary tool for mental wellness. Walking and running with my dog especially first thing as sunrises is the best antidepressant in the world. We love the birds, and my dog is always under my control. Amend the law to stipulate dogs should be on a lead, that would be much more fair. A total ban is awful, and so heavy handed and does not take into account the wants and needs of a community.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? If one is banned so should the other be. Either both are allowed or none. Fire is fire, poses the same risks whether cultural or not.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered



Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Very very upset with the proposal to ban dogs completely from the beach.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-71

Responded at: 2024-06-16 18:36

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-72

Responded at: 2024-06-17 08:33

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Could there be a fine for anybody leaving their dog poo on the beach or anywhere? Could there be more signs urging dog owners to pick up their dog poo?

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-73

Responded at: 2024-06-17 11:33

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? I think the term "cultural value" needs to be clearly defined.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Also prohibit whitebaiters from the estuarine area.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments?

I do not understand the reason for the prohibition. I have seen dogs on the beach area but they are doing no harm to wildlife there. I walk on that area of the beach every day and have never seen a dog entering the estuarine area where the birds nest. Allowing dogs on this area of the beach helps keep them free of the area near the surf club. If the prohibition is purely based on the information in the latest consultation, I do not think it is warranted. If the prohibition is to be included in the bylaw, I would like to see evidence of actual harm committed by dogs to wildlife.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments?

I'm unaware of particular harm caused by fires on the beach and think that if they are to be prohibited there should definitely be no exceptions for "cultural cooking fires".

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments?

The trustees of the Fenton Reserves should be included in consultation but have no decision-making power.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

I live nearby and use the beach every day, sometimes several times a day. I have observed minor problems with litter and seen motorbikes in prohibited areas. I have never had difficulty with dogs, horses or their owners. The main problem is vehicles driving too fast and without care for other beach users.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-74

Responded at: 2024-06-17 13:12

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No response

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No response

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments?

I agree with prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River estuary and sand dunes but I strongly disagree with prohibiting dogs from the adjacent beach areas. I regularly walk my dog from the Waikuku Beach Surf Club down to the river mouth and the only thing he is interested in chasing is the stick I throw into the sea for him to fetch. I believe if dogs are under effective control there is no issue. The majority of the birds are in the estuary and river bank, not on the beach below the high tide mark. I am also a regular horse rider along with my young daughter and we use the entrance from the horse float car park and ride south towards Pegasus. Dogs are always a worry, especially for my young daughter. Our horses are fine with dogs but not all dogs are fine with or use to coming across horses. If you prohibit dogs from the beach north of the Waikuku Beach Surf Club it will mean more dogs south of the surf club where many of us ride our horses which would put us at greater risk of dogs spooking, chasing or attacking our horses causing injury to both horse and rider. I have had an occasion in the past where 2 large dogs attacked by horse on the beach and it was not a nice experience.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments?

I agree with prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River estuary and sand dunes but I strongly disagree with prohibiting dogs from the adjacent beach areas. I regularly walk my dog from the Waikuku Beach Surf Club down to the river mouth and the only thing he is interested in chasing is the stick I throw into the sea for him to fetch. I believe if dogs are under effective control there is no issue. The majority of the birds are in the estuary and river bank, not on the beach below the high tide mark. I am also a regular horse rider along with my young daughter and we use the entrance from the horse float car park and ride south towards Pegasus. Dogs are always a worry, especially for my young daughter. Our horses are fine with dogs but not all dogs are fine with or use to coming across horses. If you prohibit dogs from the beach north of the Waikuku Beach Surf Club it will mean more dogs south of the surf club where many of us ride our horses which would put us at greater risk of dogs spooking, chasing or attacking our



horses causing injury to both horse and rider. I have had an occasion in the past where 2 large dogs attacked by horse on the beach and it was not a nice experience.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? It should also include cultural cooking fires and braziers. A fire is a fire.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-75

Responded at: 2024-06-17 15:26

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments?

Dogs do not go into the estuary side of beach and are almost always under control. What is a REAL problem are cats, feral and domestic, so before you even give dogs half a thought, get rid of all cats from the entire area as these creatures roam for miles.

Please do not ban dogs as I know so many good ppl will leave the area and these are the ppl we need to keep to encourage ppl to live here not the unsavory characters who will move back to the empty properties.

Waikuku does not have much going for it apart from the beach so please please leave it alone and let us rate payers use it, keep it clean and enjoy with our dogs.

Horses should also be told to clean up their disgusting heaps of steaming poo and the small wildlife they kill underfoot in the forest - this all seems very aimed at dogs - perhaps a dog hater is doing the counting???

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered



Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? I feel very strongly that Māori have privileges over white ppl, ie, white baiting season extension for Māori. It is so so racist under the guise of 'culture' - one rule for all would stop the hatred that has crept in around here over last few years.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-76

Responded at: 2024-06-17 16:53

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? We place high value on the ecological, recreational and amenity values of the estuary and spit

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments?

Bird breeding areas need protection. There are great dog parks in the district.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? It needs the Runanga to approve cultural cooking. We would love to cook on the beach but consider this is unsafe and would be very difficult to monitor

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Makes sense

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

There are increasing pressures of use on this area as close population increases. The bylaw needs to be strong and monitored.



You need to take account of the fact that many beach users may not actively engage verses a few dog owners advocating for access to the estuary and spit.

We noted at Bethells Beach/Te Henga (West Auckland) they had clear signage and active, friendly rangers explaining the restrictions on dogs in breeding areas and otherwise to keep dogs on leash. The proposed bylaw will need good, clear signs and strong implementation.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-77

Responded at: 2024-06-17 18:25

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments?

I would like to still be able to walk the dogs along the beach side of the spit please

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Overall great. Just concerned about not being able to walk the dogs along the beach side of the spit.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-78

Responded at: 2024-06-17 21:10

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-79

Responded at: 2024-06-18 09:57

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Just keep everything the same.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? I do not agree with this. Our dog is always under control and has no interest in wildlife, he is a Labrador and just likes to play in the sea.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-80

Responded at: 2024-06-18 10:05

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Yes protecting our wildlife is important and fully support the estuary being dog free. But the shoreline should be available to dog walkers .

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Can't see this being beneficial to wildlife

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Think rules should remain as current

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments?

In total disagreement of this. Been living in Waikuku 20 years. I am a dog owner. I walk respectfully along the shore line. Love knowing estuary is dog free and supporting our precious wildlife BUT believe this proposal is neither necessary nor realistic. My dog is under control at all times, does not chase wildlife, just wants to paddle the ocean edge. We don't go further than where the sand dunes stop. This bylaw would mean more dogs in areas nearer the surfing which in itself would add to the chaos where many families picnic and enjoy the beach too. I trust the council will see sense here and not add rules that don't benefit the public and aren't impacting wildlife. Better signage and education about our area and breeding season is required especially for those not local and visiting the area ALSO more money spent on tramping. Possums are everywhere at the beach :-)

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? I think all fires should be banned. Too much risk to public safety by people not being educated / responsible in ensuring this is safely carried out.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

I have concerns that this survey would've reached everyone who is interested in submitting feedback.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-81

Responded at: 2024-06-18 11:43

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments?

The estuary is a Taonga that needs protection along with the birds that live there.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments?

The birds who either live year round or visit as part of the annual migrations need to be left in peace without people letting their dogs roam at will disturbing them. Dogs currently roam athrough the dunes and along the estuary edge where they are not allowed so changing the rules to no dogs allowed in the estuary nor along the spit at anytime along with better signage and some compliance monitoring is required.

There are many kilometres of beach for people to walk their dogs south towards the Waimakariri. It is time for people to change and start appreciating the speacial place they live beside.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments?



As long as the Hurunui bylaw also restricts dog access to the estuary from the north.

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-82

Responded at: 2024-06-18 13:00

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments?

These values are what make the estuary and coast meaningful and pleasurable.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments?

This is crucial to looking after the birdlife on an estuary which is acclaimed nationally and even known internationally. When I walk my dogs there I feel I have plenty of options without going up the spit. I also feel this change will make signage simpler and compliance easier for dog walkers. It will also make recognition of non-compliance easier to recognise.

The population of coastal Waimakariri is growing rapidly and this will put more pressure on the natural places. Areas such as the estuary which have very high ecological values must be protected from this pressure. A number of birds which rely on the estuary for food or breeding space are declining in population, so to stop this we must get ahead of the curve and do what we can to enhance their breeding success and survival.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No response

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

The birdlife of the Ashley River and the estuary are in need of help. Some species of bird are declining towards extinction and all steps should be taken to reverse this. The estuary may be loved by those who live there but it is equally loved by others who visit it to enjoy its wildlife and other values. Protecting birds on the spit from dogs seems a small price to pay to protect these values longterm in the face of a growing population.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-83

Responded at: 2024-06-18 20:35

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? I agree with this provided the addition of the clause is not used as a reason to ban dogs from the beach area.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments?

I don't have a strong view on this but believe that aircraft should be prohibited from taking off and landing on the Waikuku side of the river mouth. However I believe that aircraft should be able to take off and land on the north side of the river mouth. My reasons for this are:

- that the birds on the spit are unaffected by aircraft on approach from the south with the intention of landing on the north side of the river mouth,
- the aircraft that take off and land on the north side of the river mouth are microlight type aircraft with a low noise profile.
- The aircraft that take off and land on the north side of the river mouth generally approach from the south over the sea so aren't actually over the beach until close to the north side of the river mouth.

Oddly I've never seen an aircraft take off to the south from the north side of the river mouth but if the concern is the birds on the spit, then that could be a good compromise i.e. prescribing that the aircraft can only approach from the south and take off to the north,

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments?

I believe strongly that the estuary area should be declared a Nature Reserve and should be protected as such. To this end I believe that all fishing and duck shooting should be prohibited within the estuary area. For me this would include whitebaiting as we know that wild whitebait stocks are declining across NZ year on year so protecting the area would help secure a crucial food source for birds and other marine life, as well as allow the whitebait to grow to maturity.

It seems to me that declaring the estuary a Nature Reserve would be supported by the vast majority of people. Duck shooters and fishers are both damaging the birdlife in the estuary area. There have now been a number of incidents where duck shooters have shot Spoonbills, Herons, and Biterns in the area. This aside from the fact that the gunshots occur all year round and are a major disturbance for bird life in the estuary and dunes.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? I strongly disagree with this proposed change. There is no evidence at all of birds being attacked on the beach by dogs and anecdotal evidence only of birds changing nesting spots. It is completely feasible that rather than dogs causing the changing of nesting spots that it is part of the natural process for those birds.

I personally have been walking down to the spit along the beach regularly for the past 24 years (or more actually) and in that time I have not seen a single issue with dogs and birds, and neither has anyone I know.

I note that even the biggest proponent for birdlife in Waikuku, the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group do not propose a ban on dogs along the beach in their submission report. What they ask for in their Management/ Improvement Needed section at the end of the report is the following:

- Improvement of signage
- More enforcement of the existing bylaw
- Increased education
- Development of a volunteer group

I agree with all of these suggestions, particularly the improved signage and the education. To this end there seems to be two main places that people access the estuary area with dogs. The first is at the northern carpark to the left when walking to the beach and the second from the beach side at the end of the vegetation where the old river mouth used to be. In both cases a large triangle sign with the words dogs prohibited in estuary area would be a vast improvement. There are large yellow triangle signs at Owhiro Bay in Wellington which denote the Marine Reserve which could be used as template. They are around 1.5m in height and there is no missing them. If it is proven that there is an issue at the Spit then a similar sign could be placed at the spit to say that it is a valuable bird habitat and that dogs should be on a lead or kept more than 20m away from resting birds.

In terms of education I find it deeply ironic that the biggest and brightest sign at the estuary/ beach area is the sign proposing the banning of dogs on the beach. Imagine if there were a few such signs instead showing people some of the amazing birdlife, identifying their endangered or threatened status and highlighting the potential damage dogs can do. I think better still why wouldn't the Council fund the creation of a container information centre that could be positioned at the northern car park. Done right, an information centre could be a fantastic low cost education facility and be used to create awareness within the wider community. Such a facility could be manned by volunteers, or potentially unmanned, and opened and closed by volunteers. It could be funky, artistic and a bit of a landmark as well as an educational facility. It could even be used for schools etc I'd estimate it could be put in place for around \$30K

To summarise, the proposed banning of dogs in the beach area feels to me like lazy tick box policy and by this I mean that anyone in government or local government knows it is far easier to legislate than it is to educate. But bylaws aren't generally that effective and there is considerable evidence of them not bringing people along with them and as such being ignored. Whereas education and signage does work because it engages with people..

I've spoken with two local Council people and it worries me that the result of this consultation seems to be premediated. It would be interesting from a legal perspective to understand the ramifications of a Council pre-determining a consultation process and I sincerely hope that it

isn't the case. But either way I believe that the Council should take a step back and use the review as an opportunity to educate, inform and be innovative.

It has been said to me that there are tens of kms of alternate beaches for dog walkers. I don't agree with this statement. If you travel south from the northern carpark along the beach you get to the surf club where dogs are not allowed with 50m, then between Waikuku and Pegasus the beach is increasingly populated with people, and further south horses are now trained between Pegasus and Kairaki. In contrast the beach north of the northern carpark to the spit attracts few people and no horses, and I repeat there is no documented evidence of any issue. Any ban must surely require documented evidence of an issue..

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? I don't think there is enough information provided as to why this should occur? ie is it the fire risk, or the perceived disturbance of birds, or the difficulty in getting fire brigade vehicles there? And how does a cultural cooking fire differ in terms of risk than say a campfire for cooking marshmallows on the beach?

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments?

I don't know what this is and the documentation does not seem to explain it.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

I am very concerned that by proposing banning dogs from the beach area from the carpark to the Spit, the Council is not considering the distinct lack of evidence that dogs are causing any issue on the beach, and instead is acquiescing to the emotive based views of a minority of bird advocates.

Being a bird lover and a dog owner are not mutually exclusive and in all my years of walking down the beach I have watched dog owners keep their dogs away from birds and other marine life without exception. This tells me that any issue is both isolated and exceptional. And that's where education and signage will provide a better outcome, as rather than dividing a community as a ban would do it will bring the community along together.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RECEIVED 23 JUNE 2024:

- It is important to understand that a collection of photos does not in itself represent evidence. It is my direct experience that I have never witnessed an issue between dogs and birds on the beach north of the carpark despite me having walked down there each weekend for a quarter of a century. The group of photos in the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group submission report serves to suggest that there are many many dogs down there chasing birds. There categorically are not...
- At least one of the photos of dogs on the beach in the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group submission report has been around a long time, I'm concerned that more may

also be. If, for example the photos are old and relate to isolated incidences in the past, it is not even remotely possible to assume that there is an issue today. In addition it is now easy to doctor images using AI to reinforce a point..

- •The Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group submission report highlights resting and nesting areas and hypothesises that birds in the dunes and the spit are adversely affected by dogs. The report attempts to present evidence that banded dotterel nests have been abandoned because of dogs, however, it is more likely that the nesting site close to the beach carpark was abandoned because of people walking in the dunes. In my experience dogs don't naturally head for the dunes there, they stay on the beach and much prefer it. People however frequently walk through the dunes. Similarly the other abandoned nesting sites are more likely to have been abandoned because of the changing river mouth and the tidal/ wave action further down toward the spit. If you frequent the area you will be aware that the river mouth has shifted a long way north over the past few years, and as well high tides and severe wave action have at various times completely inundated the sand spit area. Both these events will have likely compromised nesting sites. As an example of the river mouth moving, in the past 3 weeks the river mouth has moved north by around 200m.
- •We have recently returned from a short break in Wellington. 3 days in a row we walked down the beach at Owhiro Bay to the seal colony which is about 35 minutes walk from the information centre/ carpark. The beginning of walk is clearly signed as a Marine Reserve and there are also signs that dogs must be on leads. On each of the three days we walked there we saw many dogs and not one was on a lead. I talked to a local who lived in one of the baches by the seal colony and he said there is a bylaw and DOC rangers come down there but that they don't police the dogs unless they see a dog seeing something that it shouldn't be. They accept that most dogs don't actually do any damage and that most owners are responsible. It's a perfect example of a bylaw being a complete waste of time and it being better to educate to ensure that owners are responsible for their dogs and ensure that their dogs are acting appropriately.
- •Today I walked down the beach and counted just 12 black backed gulls (the black backed gulls that Rivercare wants controlled), and 6 Oystercatchers along the whole stretch of beach. This is completely normal. The beach area was about 30-40m from ocean to dune and there was no likelihood at all of a dog on the beach going near the dunes. Walking along the beach if the blackback gulls were disturbed then they simply flew into the air and either flew 20 or so metres ahead or flew behind. Same with the oystercatchers, except that they didn't fly. All were in the water and just walked further forward, or walked behind. Both types of birds were completely unaffected and showed no sign of stress at all. At the spit there were hundreds of birds on the estuary side of the spit and 6 Black back gulls on the beach side. And that's the thing if dogs are prohibited from the estuary then it should include the estuary side of the spit because that's where the birds congregate, not on the beach side. And the birds on the estuary side of the spit are completely oblivious to any dogs on the beach side because they are so far away.
- •I'd like to call out the fallacy that I've heard council staff mention in relation to the proposed ban of dogs. This fallacy is that there are tens of kms of beaches that people can walk their dogs down instead of the northern beach. If a dog walker is to come out onto the beach from the northern carpark and turn right instead of left they are automatically on a populated piece of beach. And then technically, according to the existing bylaw a dog walker can't actually walk past the surf club because of the 50m rule. That's further than the surf club to the ocean. Past the surf club it becomes even more worrisome to walk dogs freely because horses now come all the way up the

beach to Waikuku and go all the way down the beach to Pines Beach. And its actually worse than that because there is a mix of pleasure horse riders, many of whom who are novices, riding and highly strung race horses being trained. The horses and dogs simply don't mix and there have been many serious injuries and close calls at the beach because of this. So the reality is that there aren't tens of kms of beaches to walk a dog on at all. Many dogs also don't interact well with other dogs or people they don't know so forcing them into a constrained space is asking for problems which the Council will have to deal with.

To close, I have some questions:

1. Is the issue with dogs a perception one based more on emotion rather than actual fact/ evidence? To many of us this would seem to be the case..
2. Why don't the Council look closely at the management recommendations in the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group submission report and adopt those to see if they are ultimately effective?
3. Why, when the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group submission report does not call for a ban on dogs on the beach are the Council proposing one? Sure they would probably happily jump on that band wagon, but they have not actually asked for dogs to be banned so how is it that the Council is even proposing it?
4. Shouldn't the Council try and enforce its existing bylaws before changing them. For instance there are still 4wds hurtling down the beach at 80km/h. There are dozens of motorbikers and 4wders that hoon around the riverbed/ estuary area with no repercussion at all. The riverbed and estuary area are where the majority of nesting areas are, not on the northern beach, and yet it goes on unabated. Is it that dog walkers are an easier target perhaps? Maybe the Council figure they are likely to be less aggressive, or more compliant and then it can be publicised as a success, while the real problems go unaddressed.
5. Shouldn't the Council concentrate on things like storm water in the Waikuku area instead of banning dogs that are causing no problem on the northern beach. There is a massive stormwater issue that has been caused by the Council's negligence in not ensuring that Pegasus's stormwater was properly dealt with. The Taranaki stream is at least 40cm higher than it was pre Pegasus at all times and when there is high rainfall it is too high to allow the stormwater from Waikuku into it. And there's addition of Northside Country and now consent has been given to a new subdivision on Gressons Rd. Presumably the stormwater from the Gressons Rd subdivision will go into the nearby stream which is a tributary of the Taranaki. These are the critical things the Council should be addressing in preference to banning dogs from the beach because climate change is making weather events less predictable and if there is a really high rainfall event the Council will have consented a whole lot of subdivisions which will have knowingly caused Waikuku to be inundated, when it wouldn't have been prior..
6. Finally I'd like to ask the Council to consider wellbeing. If the Council goes ahead with the proposed ban it will divide the Waikuku community. There is literally that strength of feeling and it actually goes beyond Waikuku as a lot of people from Rangiora, Woodend and Kaiapoi come to the beach to walk their dogs. And people being out on the beach is good for their wellbeing, people being out on the beach with their dogs is good for the wellbeing of the person and the dog. As the region faces population pressures it is important that the Council doesn't just ban activities, preventing people from enjoying, relaxing, recharging, it's important that it uses innovative ways to approach issues that don't restrict peoples freedom but instead enables it. This is why signage and education are so important in relation to this issue, as people would

be asked taught about the issue and asked to respect the birds while still being able to enjoy the freedom of the beach with their dogs.

One last point. The Council could implement geo fencing to text reminder messages to mobile phones that enter the restricted areas. Ie a message could be sent to anyone entering the estuary area that dogs are prohibited, heck it could even give a reason why. A similar thing could be done at the spit and possibly the dunes ie at the spit it could say something like you've entered a bird sanctuary area please ensure that your dogs are at least 30m away from any resting birds or whatever.

There might need to be a legal view got in relation to privacy but I'm not sure it would be a problem because the Council would not have to know anything about the owner of the device, just that the device had entered the area. I do quite a lot of work in the technology space so if you need a feasibility study done, or a piece of scoping work I'd happily do it.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-84

Responded at: 2024-06-18 23:08

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Aircraft landing and taking off is a disturbance. It will affect bird feeding habits, could lead to birds avoiding the area and in the end reduce the estuary population.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? This is a habitat for birds and shouldn't be disturbed at all.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments?

Definitely needs extending. As it is dogs are part of the estuary "habitat". Many estuary dwellers feed along the beach and are constantly pushed into flight by dogs on the beach. As already mentioned feeding is interrupted adult bird patterns to feed the young are disrupted and migrating birds lose valuable feeding time through disturbance. Dog owners do not obey rules to keep dogs on leashes so have forgone the rights to walk dogs beside the estuary.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?



I am pleased WDC is addressing dog issues. The population of dogs has increased dramatically. There are hundreds of beach areas that do not prevent dog owners from taking pets. The AR estuary is a natural home for many bird species. There is nothing natural about the presence of dogs. Let's protect this environment for the species that have been there for centuries.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-85

Responded at: 2024-06-19 09:11

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No response

Q6. Any comments? Don't know the season. Is it near bird nesting time. If so. Yes.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Don't understand. As New Zealanders we should be able to have access to all areas except with respect to special burial areas etc.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Noone is going to be able to police the northern end with dog owners behaviour. Weekends are quite bad. People let there dogs go free northern end and have a run hence dog can be all over the place. If they are on leads who is going to make sure that happens. The Northern car park dog sign needs to be bigger and the same for vehicles & motorbikes around this area. Maybe a dog poo bin each end (each carpark) would stop people leaving little blue bags full



on the beach or in the bushes. Litter fines mentioned on a billboard would be great too.
Signed - Local Resident.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-86

Responded at: 2024-06-20 10:01

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No response

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments?

The Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club (CRAC) is a strong and growing group of people, from a varied range of backgrounds and professions, who share a love of aviation and the natural splendour New Zealand has to offer.

We do not agree with this proposal for the following reasons:

No evidence beach users consider us a problem - Having reviewed your full user survey, we have not seen a single complaint about microlights landing on the beach. In our experience beach users tend to welcome us and are thrilled to see our small planes land on the beach from time to time. We are very careful not to land in the vicinity of other beach users.

No evidence the prohibition is needed to protect birdlife (or any other wildlife) – We have reviewed relevant documentation in detail and have found no evidence to support the prohibition.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments?

Dogs needed to retrieve - no dogs could mean unharvested bodies (deaths for no purpose if cant be retrieved) or injured waterfowl escaping to die a slow and painful death.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? fires on the beach is a kiwi way of life

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered



Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-87

Responded at: 2024-06-19 17:31

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Dogs should be permitted along the foreshore.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Should be able to use the foreshore.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Only within the estuary.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Only within the estuary & sand dunes.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Zero

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? No idea what this is about

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not up to date with the by law

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Birds have nesting from September to February. These months are when nature can flood the complete estuary!

Why should there be a total control?

Waikuku Beach is the recipient of Pegasus extreme water flooding impact. What is being done to alleviate this impact on waikuku beach environment.



What about human pollution?

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-88

Responded at: 2024-06-20 09:04

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No response

Q2. Any comments? I would like to protect the birds, but I don't agree with simply eliminating dogs from the estuary as the answer.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? I don't agree with a total ban on dogs. I think the area should be closed to everyone during the birds nesting season and reopen to regular activity after those months.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? as previously stated - close the area to all activity during nesting season - then reopen. that's dogs, walking, hunting, planes, whitebaiting.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No response

Q10. Any comments? No fires at all on the beach!

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? If this pertains to Māori input - they should have input in what's happening to the estuary

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Where is this even addressed to understand what this means?

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

If you really want to protect the birds -you must address all activities during nesting season - If nesting birds are disturbed by dogs - humans will also disturb. It only makes sense to impose



restrictions on entering the area when the birds are at their most vulnerable. Other times of year - fall, winter - all activities should resume - dogs, humans etc.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-89

Responded at: 2024-06-20 12:43

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-90

Responded at: 2024-06-20 14:06

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? I feel as though this should encompass all fires or be more clearly defined as to what is exempt.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? I strongly support most of these changes. We need to walk the walk when it comes to protecting our natural spaces and native species.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-91

Responded at: 2024-06-20 14:29

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments?

I am an aviation enthusiast who cherish New Zealand's natural beauty. my aircraft, well-suited for landing on unprepared surfaces, frequently use the northern beach area near the Ashley/Rakahuri River mouth. Therefore, I oppose the proposed exclusion of aircraft, particularly microlights, from this beach area as outlined in the planned bylaw amendment.

My primary concern centres around jurisdictional issues raised by the proposed map, extending into the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) below the Mean High-Water Springs (MHWS). We maintain that the Waimakariri District Council lacks authority to regulate aircraft in the CMA under the Land Transport Act 1998. Moreover, policies cited from the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement do not apply to aircraft, further challenging the legal basis for this proposal.

Substantively, we note the following:

Lack of Evidence of Impact:

The 2024 Beach User Survey did not solicit feedback from our club, excluding crucial insights into aircraft operations. Our review indicates no reported issues or complaints regarding microlight landings on the beach.

The 2023 Section 155 Report similarly failed to identify any problems with aircraft operations, reinforcing our stance that our activities do not disrupt beach users or wildlife.

Environmental Impact:

Studies and personal observations indicate minimal disturbance to birdlife in the area, supporting our assertion that our operations do not affect sensitive bird habitats.

Safety and Operational Necessity:

The designated beach area north of the river mouth offers essential safety and operational benefits for microlight aircraft, featuring smooth, firm sands ideal for landings and minimal interference with other beach users.

In alignment with the Local Government Act 2002, our operations contribute positively to managing recreational use, minimizing environmental impact, promoting safety, and preventing nuisance in public spaces.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

Prohibiting aircraft from landing on the beach lacks justification in the absence of evidence supporting such restrictions. I urge the council to reconsider the proposed bylaw amendment based on factual evidence and collaborate with us to explore solutions that balance conservation concerns with our members' recreational needs.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Question 3: Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas ?

I am an aviation enthusiasts who cherish New Zealand's

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

I believe that prohibiting aircraft from landing on the beach is unwarranted due to the absence of evidence supporting such restrictive measures. I strongly urge the council to reconsider the proposed bylaw amendment in light of factual evidence. I am eager to engage in constructive dialogue to find solutions that effectively balance conservation goals with the recreational needs of aviation fraternity .

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-92

Responded at: 2024-06-20 15:08

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Appropriate space should be available to all users.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? When the tide is at half ebb or lower this is a very safe space for microlight aircraft to land and take off. Your surveys to date contain no adverse comments about aircraft using the beach. At half to low tide, aircraft movements on the hard sand have no effect on birds and wild life above the high water mark.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No response

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No response

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-93

Responded at: 2024-06-20 15:43

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-94

Responded at: 2024-06-20 17:32

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Dogs used for hunting are usually very well trained and under voice control. I don't think they would have an impact or threat on the native bird life.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? I have walked this end of the beach for over 10 years now, with my dog and have never seen dogs causing havoc on the bird life in the estuary or the spit. Most dog walkers I notice are well below the high tide mark and a fair distance away from the estuary. I've never seen a dog causing a disturbance in this area. If there is proof of more than a one off altercation causing disturbance or death to the birds I think as locals we need to see this and for it not to be taken at face value that it is happening on a regular basis. I for one would be very disappointed if this proposed change is inacted. I enjoy the space at this end of the beach. It's away from families with young children who might not like dogs and gives space for my dog to exercise and swim in the sea.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered



Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-95

Responded at: 2024-06-20 20:44

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Both natural and cultural extremely important.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? It is no place for any kind of dog.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? If the ban is put into place, which I really hope it is, it will need some intermittent policing as unfortunately more than a few local dog owners flout current rules.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? The last thing we need is a fire down there! However, cultural-based cooking/braziers are important to affirm Māori cultural right, and they are careful and respectful in these undertakings in my experience. Great that exemptions can be applied for for appropriate/respectful non-cultural purposes (the surf club mid-winter swim comes to mind) but I hope this is kept to a minimum so as not to give the impression that it is a safe place for fires/cooking

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered



Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? The dog ban extension will need teeth-policing/prosecutions for people to take it seriously imho (*in my humble opinion*).

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-96

Responded at: 2024-06-21 07:34

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? People have far more environmental space to enjoy than our wildlife currently do, people keep encroaching and it's getting smaller and smaller and people feel more and more entitled to encroach on it.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? As above, too much entitlement from humans who choose to do the selfish thing, not the right thing ruin it for everyone

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Dogs have got plenty of areas to exercise and roam - we need some areas to be safe from them for our wildlife.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Enough fire danger exists currently that this is probably a good safe idea.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? No

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-97

Responded at: 2024-06-21 07:46

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-98

Responded at: 2024-06-21 14:24

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No response

Q2. Any comments? UNCLEAR OF THE "OVERALL PURPOSE OF BYLAW" BUT THE HUMAN AND FAMILY RIGHTS OF PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE DISREGARDED - OUR DOGS ARE PART OF OUR FAMILY!!

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? NO TO REMOVING THEIR RIGHTS. AS WITH DOGS ANYWHERE AS LONG AS THE OWNERS HAVE THEM UNDER EFFECTIVE CONTROL NOTHING SHOULD BE CHANGED - THIS IS A PEOPLE ISSUE ONLY!!

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? ABSOLUTELY NOT - BOTH MYSELF, FAMILY (AND FRIENDS) HAVE FOR THE FORTY FIVE YEARS WE HAVE LIVED IN WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT EXERCISED AND SWUM WITH OUR DOGS AT OUR LOCAL BEACHES - WE ALSO TRAIN THEM AT THE BEACH.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? AGAIN THIS IS A PEOPLE ISSUE AND SOME PEOPLE SHOULDN'T HAVE FIRES AT ALL.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? AGAIN THIS IS A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND ALL PEOPLE SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO USE THESE AREAS WITHIN THE LAW STATUTES.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? AS LONG AS THE HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL DOESN'T RESTRICTIVELY CHANGE THEIR BYLAWYS/RULES

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? OUR DOGS, AS WITH OTHER FAMILIES' ARE PART OF OUR FAMILY AND ENJOY A DAY AT THE BEACH PLAYING, SWIMMING AND EXERCISING WITH US. IN FACT, QUITE OFTEN IT IS OTHER PEOPLE'S CHILDREN WHO FRUSTRATE BEACH USERS AND NOT OUR DOGS. WALKING FROM WAIKUKU CAR PARK TO MOUTH OF THE ASHLEY RIVER IS SUPERB FOR MEETING AND WALKING WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND OUR ASSOCIATED DOGS.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-99

Responded at: 2024-06-21 14:27

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Estuary - not foreshore.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-100

Responded at: 2024-06-21 14:28

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Let the residents and visitors enjoy life. Birds do not pay tax.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-101

Responded at: 2024-06-21 14:30

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? This takes away freedom of residents and visitors.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

- Strongly disagree on exhibiting dogs on the beach.
- Why take away Freedom?
- What is the change recently to show that dogs are the problem?
- Is this bylaw to keep everyone at home?

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-102

Responded at: 2024-06-21 14:31

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Disagree effects to higher percentage of the community.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Not enough data to make this decision. Destruction by pests and vehicles pose a greater threat to bird life than dogs walking at the beach.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-103

Responded at: 2024-06-21 14:32

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-104

Responded at: 2024-06-21 14:33

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Absolutely Not!

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-105

Responded at: 2024-06-21 14:37

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Protecting the Estuary + riverbed. More planting in Dunes + trapping required rather than excluding people + dogs!

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Pests? Geese - Dogs well trained to retrieve Ducks etc.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Dogs walking on the shore have little effect on birds. On lead at spit is good & already banned from Estuary. Not many people aware of on lead. More signage + protection of nests on riverbed.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

- More signage + awareness. Ban 4WD + motorbikes from riverbed as they have a destructive impact on birds/nesting birds.



- Increase trapping + monitoring of destructive pests rather than pointing finger at dogs. ie. cats, rats, stoats, possums, rabbits, hedgehogs are very prevalent.
- Dogs and horses don't mix. Will be chaos in summer.
- Restricting to small area on beach will cause problems with summertime swimmers too much congestion north of surf club.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-106

Responded at: 2024-06-21 19:16

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No response

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? There are many other areas at Waikuku where dogs can be exercised either on-leash or off-leash, including much of the seashore from south of the estuary to Pines/Kairaki, green spaces, forest and walking/cycling tracks. The bird life in the estuary face a number of challenges. Restricting access by dogs will remove one of those challenges and it is hoped will help any at-risk bird species living in the Ashley/Rakahuri estuary to survive and breed.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No response

Q10. Any comments? This is really two questions. While I agree that fires and fireworks should be prohibited because of the risk of fires there is insufficient information in the explanatory material on why cultural cooking fires and braziers should be allowed to enable me to comment.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? I am unable to comment on this as it's not clear in the explanatory material why the proposed removal of the requirement for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements trustees.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response



Q14. Any comments? It's not clear what the reason is for this provision. It seems like a 'nothingness' provision as it presumably would have no legal force.

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-107

Responded at: 2024-06-22 11:54

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? I am really against this change, due to being a local dog owner to the community

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-108

Responded at: 2024-06-22 18:13

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Birds do not nest on the beach side of the spit particularly under the high tide mark.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? I agree with prohibiting fire and fireworks full stop. The fire risk to the dunes and pine forests is too great.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

I feel very strongly about protecting our foreshores and estuarine areas but do not see how banning dogs from the beach side of the saltwater creek spit will help this.



Four wheel drives in the estuary cause years worth of damage in one drive I think the council should spend more time policing the estuary and create more robust barriers preventing vehicles in this area.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-109

Responded at: 2024-06-22 18:19

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Have been there several times when dogs not on leash and no owners in sight have chased birds. I have two dogs and am happy to have some areas prohibited to protect our native species. There are plenty of other places to walk your dogs.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-110

Responded at: 2024-06-22 18:41

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments?

I agree with intent but not blanket banning of particular users (namely dog user)

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Should be available to all users

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? I have loved here for over 20 years. I never seen this as an issue. The dogs that may cause issues are those dogs that are freely roaming without owners. This rule would not limit those. I have a dog and walk at the beach regularly. My dog does not chase birds and by banning them in this area would simply push all dogs them down the beach to more crowded areas. This seems to be penalising those responsible dog owners for actions of the minority. The beach is for everyone and the laws should be maintaining that rather than narrowing it.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered



Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-111

Responded at: 2024-06-23 20:57

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? I prefer dogs be allowed on the spit but only on a lead.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

I note you propose changing the areas where horses are also allowed, and I support that. I would appreciate the council also giving thought to the issue of horse manure in public places, especially these beach and estuary areas.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-112

Responded at: 2024-06-23 21:11

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No response

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No response

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? I do not agree with the bylaw proposal
I believe that walking dogs in this area is not impacting the birds - lived here my whole life (17years), my family and many others are a responsible dog owner; our dog is always under control, had no interest / does not chase birds and we keep to the shoreline.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No response

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-113

Responded at: 14/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? ?

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? I cannot see anything wrong with landing and taking off on the north side of the Rakahuri river between high and low tide.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Duck shooting dog's are very well trained dogs they sit in the MiMi until a duck is dropped then go and fetch.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? I have no problem with walking our dogs between the low tide and high tide its easy walking why would you want to go in the sand hills (it's a great walk).

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Allow cutural cooking and braziers little cookers etc use your brains when using.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Keep the same.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? ?

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Fast tracking something like this doesn't work. Most local beach users are not aware of the Waimakariri District Council intention to ban dogs from the spit. Dogs run between low tide and high tide with their owners because its easier walking. Consultation by WDC has not



been great (especially for those without computers). The beach is for everyone and has been for generations. Spiritually, recreation, kai gathering etc.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-114

Responded at: 10/06/2024 14:36

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) wishes to comment on the draft Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024, as follows.

NZDF supports the specific exemption for NZDF vehicles driving on beaches providing permission is first obtained from an authorised officer (clause 17.3(d)), however, requests specific reference to temporary military training activities as follows (requested amendments underlined):

17.3 (d) - by or on behalf of the Council, Environment Canterbury, a government agency, the New Zealand Police, the New Zealand Fire Service, the New Zealand St. Johns Ambulance Service, the New Zealand Defence Force, the Canterbury Surf Lifesaving Association or a surf lifesaving club, the New Zealand Coastguard or an approved 4WD club, for the undertaking of civil defence, police, medical, temporary military training activities, rescue or firefighting training.

Respondent No: NPBB24-115

Responded at: 10/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? I support restrictions that enable the wildlife to thrive in this area.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? I don't support exemption that permits dogs into this estuarine. Question can be ambiguous.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? We see dogs running around off leash often in the prohibited zone. Today while walking several dog prints around the estuary edge. On the beach dogs chasing near the surf, dominca Gulls, in their own breeding ground. It is not uncommon to see dogs running up into the sand dunes, while owners walk in the distance.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Too risky to the habitat.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

We value the uniqueness of this specific area. There is a great need to do more to protect the diverse range of bird life.



Quad bike tyres on the low tide estuary today, show a big circle track not direct A to B, driving marking the vegetation. 4WD tracks above high tide marks en route to the river mouth.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-116

Responded at: 11/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? I support the restriction of vehicles and dogs in the estuary environment and foreshore to protect birds and wildlife that are being nurtured in this area.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? I believe that these areas support the native habitats for our marine creatures and birds, native fauna and wildlife to thrive.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? All dogs should be banned from this area to protect our native birds and wildlife in this area.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? I agree as dogs are a huge problem to our native birdlife and species that area breeding and thriving in this area. It is a beautiful sight to see the nesting birdlife in this area.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? No fires should be allowed in this area including cultural cooking fires due to the risk to our native plants and wildlife which are prolific and difficult to re-establish within a short timeframe if there is a fire outbreak.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Dogs and vehicles on the beach disturb native birdlife habitats and the environment for our native flora and fauna, they need to be restricted in areas where there are beautiful birds and nature to enjoy. The vehicles cause awful noise pollution and disturb nesting areas and destroy the beach and foreshore. Dogs have other areas, dog parks and other beach areas and reserves to enjoy that don't have wildlife and native birds in their own habitat.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-117

Responded at: 11/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Definitely needs that protective framework for present and future.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? But I can empathise with the hunters - not sure how they will retrieve dead gamebirds and may create more issues.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Though I have empathy with the responsible dog owners and walkers. There are many who are not on a leash. Add more signage maybe.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not sure how you can enforce this, but our community has a risk of fire spreading through the dry forested belt.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

It was good to have community meetings, to enable open discussion and air concerns. Many locals want to protect and preserve our environment, but not everyone wants to give up what they perceive as their entitlement!

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-118

Responded at: 11/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Definitely NOT. The reason a lot of people live here is because of the beach and their dog, if dogs are banned, this place will be full of drug users and benefit bludgers cos no normal person will live here cos lets face it there's not much more going for it!!!

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments?

But cultural fires need to be banned also. Why are they different? This is so racist!

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

DO NOT ban dogs at beach or Waikuku will become Bogaville again cos no-one will live here apart from meth users and dole bludgers. How about banning horses who leave steaming



heaps of poo everywhere + its disgusting. OR god forbid, get the owners to shovel it up EVERYTIME = like the dog people pick up their dog poo!!!

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-119

Responded at: 14/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Keep the status quo.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Estuarine dwelling birds aren't breeding during gamebird hunting season. Prohibition therefore not required. Breeding season from September to March.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Do not extend this prohibited area, keep it as it is.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments?

Is it really required? Who benefits and what advantage is there for whom?

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Should supply poo bags in dispenser by Waikuku public toilets to encourage to keep beach clean.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-120

Responded at: 14/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments?

I believe the environment should be protected for all cultures to use equally.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? I regularly use the area and have never seen a problem with any dogs.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? I do not believe there should be special conditions for different cultures. I feel it creates division in the community.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

I have been using the beach for 28 years. It seems to me it's only the very few that ruin the area for others, more often than not they are not locals. Maybe monitoring could be increased and education for those that do visit the area.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-121

Responded at: 14/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? Am non-Māori

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-122

Responded at: 14/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? I feel it adds to the enjoyment of going to the beach. Where else can you see something as amazing as this.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? I have never seen any issues with dogs being at the estuary. When I fish down there most dogs are either on leads or the owners have control of them.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? I have never seen any issues with dogs being at the estuary. When I fish down there most dogs are either on leads or the owners have control of them.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? No fires no matter what reason should be lit at the area concerned.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No

Q14. Any comments? Keep them separate

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

I fish the river mouth regularly and enjoy the freedom we have. I realise it's a very small minority that ruin the area for everyone. The area is generally "self policed" by fishermen/women. In the 30 years of fishing I have never had issues with dogs attacking



animals. I do believe the sand dunes need protecting but I feel maybe we should be fining the people that are doing the damage as well as more educating them.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-123

Responded at: 14/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No response

Q2. Any comments? Racist

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? O.M.G. someone has got their (*illegible handwriting*). Please don't say they are damaging the shellfish!! If you want to save the shellfish and marinelife ban the trawlers that vaccuum the (*illegible handwriting*) to 2km offshore!!!

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? I think this is very cruel to ban dogs during the game bird season i.e. a wounded bird may ben in water too deep for physycal retrieval.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Please tell me where (*illegible handwriting*) people can get a safe walk with their dogs. Please don't insult my intelligence by saying dog parks.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? That is purely and simply racist.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? ?

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? What is the Gurunui District's plans?

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

- Why is this being done without EVERYONE in the district being supplied with a copy of this document.
- Why do you in your arrogance assume everyone has a computer and internet.

- Where are the maps that this documents allude to?
- I believe all this dog, plane, vehicle usage of the area is being driven by a very small number of people judging by the number of usage I see when fishing and whitebaiting.
- * Also is it about OUR beaches.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-124

Responded at: 14/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? This place is a natural resting, breeding place for our sea and water and coastal birds, and has been for years, millenia probably. It is a small ask to prohibit dogs from disturbing these birds. Plenty more beach available for exercising and dogs (and gamebird shooting).

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? This place is a natural resting, breeding place for our sea and water and coastal birds, and has been for years, millenia probably. It is a small ask to prohibit dogs from disturbing these birds. Plenty more beach available for exercising and dogs (and gamebird shooting). This is just a fraction of the beach space available, and should be restricted. It may be difficult to enforce - is there an enforcement plan?

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Again, difficult to enforce but totally agree.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?



I am very concerned about the increasing numbers of dogs on the beach, and particularly in the areas where birds congregate. I don't know how to enforce this - people with aggressive dogs, appear to me, from experience, to be people with attitude problems. The council must enforce the dogs on leashes by-law but I know how difficult this is. Dog owners don't seem to feel that they must obey the law. Signage is important, but is ignored by most. Good luck!!

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-125

Responded at: 14/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? They need dogs to collect dead birds.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Most dogs are on a lead and others are controlled.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? All fires should be prohibited.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? ?

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-126

Responded at: 14/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? With the exception of emergency planes/helicopters for rescue etc.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Would like to see all vehicles prohibited in this area, as they cause more destruction to the estuary.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Fires, cultural cooking fires and braziers on the beach are safe. Fireworks on the other hand cannot be controlled and should not be allowed.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

There is no need for vehicles to be allowed on beach or sand dunes with exception of emergency vehicles and surf life savers. By vehicles, I also mean quad bikes, motobikes, 4WD, beach buggies etc. Most of these driven around Waikuku are also unregistered and do not observe the speed limits. These vehicles (quad bikes, motorbikes, 4WD, beach buggies etc.) have also been driving through the forest and dunes - causing havoc with the fragile eco



system. Controlled dogs and humans do not cause this kind of destruction to the environment.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-127

Responded at: 14/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No response

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-128

Responded at: 14/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Protecting the birds and the environment is very important to fishermen. The beaches are there for everyone to use and enjoy as long as they respect other users and the environment.

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? There is no problem with the small planes landing on the beach north of the Ashley River. They land on the hard sand when the tide is out and sand is firm. The pilots are very respectful and check out the area before landing on the stone free area.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Leave the exemption as it is. This was extensively consulted in 2010.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Definitely NO. The dog walkers are aware that their dogs must be under effective control and not go past the high tide line which was agreed to in the 2010 (Bylaw). This was a huge consultation in 2010 and included making the estuary dog and vehicle free but not the beaches.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? The fishermen were informed by Environment Canterbury that it is illegal to light fires on the beach and that has not been happening.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Do not understand - they need to be consulted on everything - they should still be invited to the (*Advisory Group*) meetings so they can read the minutes and comment if required so they have been consulted.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? When the Hurunui District Council does their review we need to be involved.

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

The Ashley Fisherman Association pride themselves on the efforts they have contributed to the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw since 2008 and in most cases all our memebtrs plus other fishermen have obeyed the rules on the beach and foreshore. We are happy to have access so everyone can enjoy their fishing especially in retirement. Whitebaiting and fishing with your dog is a great retirement hobby. The consultation in 2010 was a package that included everyone who was a beach user and the birds.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-129

Responded at: 14/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Can't see any problem with what's in place now (Bylaw).

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Dogs under control during gamebird season should be allowed to retrieve dead and wounded game shot by hunters.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Dogs should allowed under control from the low tide mark to the edge of the sand dunes.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? All fires entirely - cultural and braziers.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? ?

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Whatever bylaw either in place or amended needs to be policed otherwise it's a waste of time.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-130

Responded at: 14/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? The aeroplanes use of the beach is minimal.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? I don't see a problem having dogs in the area. The dogs used for hunting and shooting are well trained and under control. The duck shooting season is a small part of the year. Dog walkers should carry a lead for their dogs on beach.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Totally. Have seen an unattended fire just days ago on the beach. I believe fireworks have started fires in the area in the past.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? I am unable to comment on this.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Both Hurunui and Waimak council need to work together regarding policing rules and informative signage.

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

I am pretty much a daily user of Ashworths Beach, between Leithfield Beach and the Ashley River/Saltwater Creek mouths.

This beach is named after my ancestors who are Ashworths and have a huge part in settling and farming in the area. One of them introduced marrum grass into the area for erosion control. Over the generations we have all used the area for swimming, walking, and fishing and continue to do so.

Over the years I have seen more and more damage to the area and increased disrespect for the dunes, vegetation and wildlife.

Usually every time I am at the beach I see more people blatantly flouting rules about vehicle use. Speeding and driving up and down the dunes.

There has been an increase in off road buggies that arrive on trailers. These travel at high speeds through the dunes and lagoon areas. Often quite a few in convoy.

In doing this they are endangering plant life, animals and recreational beach users.

Signage at the entrance to the beach is pretty insignificant. There was a large sign that was destroyed by fire and its replacement took a couple of years to get put up.

At some stage both lagoons (one to the north and one south of beach access) have been fenced off, there was also a fence along beach access track and a pedestrian walkway formed. Unsure where the money came from to do this. The walkway was a waste of time and money as it was never used and is now completely overgrown.

The fences around the lagoons have worked well allowing no vehicle access to these areas.

Policing and signage does not appear to be working.

A simple solution would be to fence off dune and estuary areas. This would protect native plantings, the dunes, birdlife from damage. The cost would save money spent on policing. Just a simple fence same as round lagoons. This fence would protect dunes, native vegetation plantings and also wildlife, white spoonbills etc.

The speed limits for vehicles are a problem also. Clear bold signage is needed. Is a reporting of incidents available? Then if someone see's dangerous or banned activities it can be reported. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns. Long time local and regular beach user.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

Respondent No: NPBB24-131

Responded at: 17/06/2024



North Pegasus Bay (Hurunui) Coastcare inc

WAIMAKAIRI DC NORTHERN PEGASUS BAY BYLAW REVIEW

Submission By:

Northern Pegasus Bay (Hurunui) Coastcare Inc

The Northern Pegasus Bay (Hurunui) Coastcare Inc appreciates the opportunity to make the following submission on the review of the Waimakariri DC (WDC) Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw. As our submission does not fit within the survey format provided in the WDC web site we have therefore provided a submission, (as allowed by Section 156 of The Local Government Act 2002), on the issue that we are directly concerned with.

Background

The Society was established in January 2023 and has an area of interest stretching from the southern boundary of the Hurunui DC, (HDC) (a bit north of the Ashley River mouth), to the “Rocks” north of the Waipara River, which is some 15km in length.

Its objectives include protecting existing flora and fauna in the coastal zone, increasing biodiversity, predator trapping, and promoting safe recreational use that does not harm the natural environment.

The particular area of interest to our Society in respect to the Waimakariri DC Bylaw review is the area of beach to the south of the MV access to Ashworths Beach as far as the Hurunui DC’s southern boundary and also the area of beach within the Waimakariri DC area to the Ashley Rakahuri River mouth zone. **(see Map 1)**

MV access to the “Saltwater creek” area mentioned in Waimakariri DC proposed draft bylaw is only possible via the road past the “Better Half Café “at Ashworths Beach and then along the beach in the Hurunui DC Bylaw zone and through the Waimakariri DC (WDC) zone, about 1.2 kms from the access point.

The current position is that while motor bikes and 4WDs on a “tiki tour” are legal in the Hurunui DC bylaw area when they cross over into the WDC Bylaw zone they are not. There



are, however, no markers or signage of any description (**see Photo 2**) to show the change of local authority, or that different rules apply from the HDC area.

The main theme of our submission is that if the Waimakariri DC has different rules from the HDC it needs to make these clearly known by signage and markers and be prepared to have an education/ enforcement process.

Many Hurunui DC residents from the Leithfield area travel down along the beach to the north bank of the Ashley River mouth for fishing or whitebaiting and are impacted by the provisions of the WDC Bylaw. Also, as both the CCC and Waimakariri DC have banned motorcycles on their beaches a number of motorcycle riders from Christchurch and Rangiora etc now visit the Hurunui DC area for recreational riding and often ride in the dune areas causing damage. As has been said birds are not aware of Council boundaries!

This whole area has high biodiversity values with many bird species and rare native plants at risk from MV intrusion, yet there is no signage anywhere in this Waimakariri DC area advising of its bylaw requirements and that these have changed from the Hurunui DC at the Council boundaries. Hurunui DC signage at the Ashworths Beach entrance is solely directed to its own Bylaw requirements. (**See Photo 3**)

The HDC is due to review its Bylaw in July 2025, but the content of any new Bylaw cannot be assumed at this stage. Hence, we feel our suggestion regarding markers and signage are still valid.

We would like to have the opportunity to speak to our submission.

Table 1

Hurunui DC Bylaw	Waimak DC Bylaw	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ MVs are only allowed below the last high tide mark except when impractical to do so. ☐ Some exceptions e.g. Leithfield Beach 4wd track to the north to the Kowai River. ☐ Motorcycles are allowed on beaches below the high tide mark ☐ Recreational driving is allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Motorcycles are not allowed on beaches ☐ Recreational driving only is not allowed. ☐ MVs are allowed below the last high tide mark (unless unsafe to do so) but for the sole purpose of <u>boat launching, whitebaiting, fishing and food gathering only.</u> 	<p>Waimak is much more restrictive by comparison e.g.:</p> <p>No motor bikes on beaches.</p> <p>No 4WD driving just for fun. No dogs in some areas.</p>

Kevin Roche
Secretary NPB(H)CC Inc

Photo 1: HDC and WDC Boundary Map South of Ashworths Beach Road

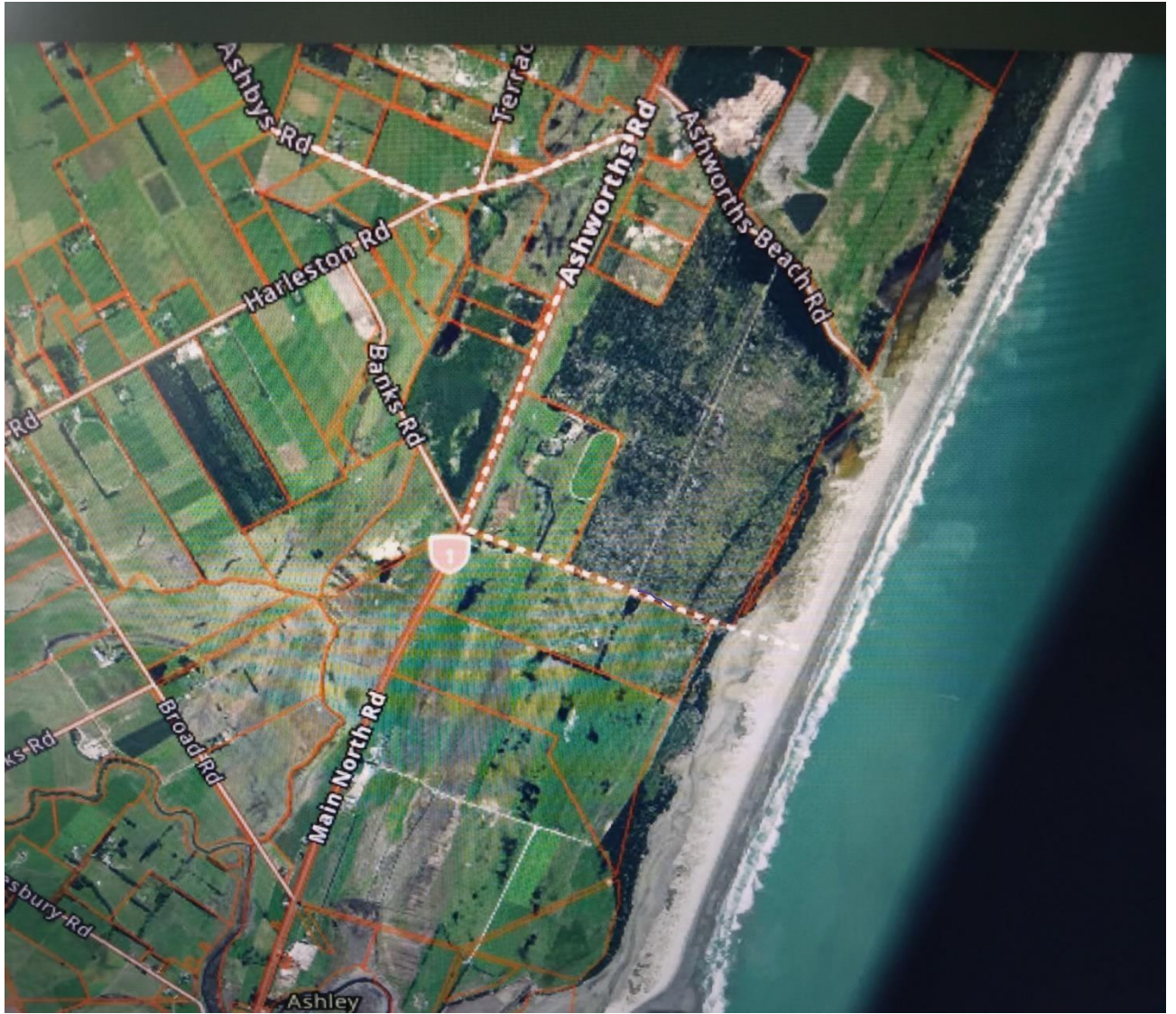


Photo 2 – Ashworths Beach - Boundary HDC and WDC



HDC Signage Ashworths Beach Entrance



Respondent No: NPBB24-132

Responded at: 18/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

**Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Could there be a law against people not picking up their dog's poo?
Could there be a consequence for the dog owners who don't pick up their dog's poo?**

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No



CANTERBURY RECREATIONAL AIRCRAFT CLUB SUBMISSION ON THE NORTHERN PEGASUS BAY BYLAW 2024, QUESTION 3

Question 3: Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5).

The Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club (CRAC) is a strong and growing group of people, from a varied range of backgrounds and professions, who share a love of aviation and the natural splendour New Zealand has to offer. The very nature of our aircraft allows us to fly to places other than normal aerodromes, with some aircraft well suited to landing on unprepared strips. One of these places that some of our members often use is the beach area to the north of the Ashley/Rakahuri River mouth. Therefore, we do not agree with the proposal to exclude aircraft (specifically microlight aircraft) from the portion of the beach as outlined in the planned Bylaw amendment.

Importantly, the map showing the area where aircraft landing would be prohibited appears to show an area extending below the Mean High Water Springs (MHWS), across the coastal marine area (CMA) to the sea. CRAC members do not believe the Waimakariri District Council (WDC) has jurisdiction to make bylaws for the CMA, therefore we question the legal basis for this proposal. It can be argued that WDC is managing the area on behalf of the Department of Conservation (DOC), in accordance with the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010. It can then be proffered that WDC is relying on Policy 20 of the Policy Statement that discusses Vehicle Access. Firstly, the definition of a vehicle is covered in the Land Transport Act 1998, which covers various options of a land vehicle, but with no mention of or description of, an aircraft. Further, given this act is the 'Land' Transport Act, this definition would not appear to apply to aircraft. Therefore, the provisions of Policy 20 of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement cannot be used to justify WDC jurisdiction over aircraft using the CMA. This same principle of the definition of a vehicle applies to sections 22AB(1)(b), 22AB(1)(c), 22AB(1)(f) and 22AB(1)(zk) of the *Land Transport Act 1998*, as referred to in part 1.1 of the draft bylaw. Therefore these sections of the Land Transport Act have no bearing on aircraft landing and taking off from the subject area.

The remainder of this submission addresses the substantive elements of the proposal but is subject to the question we have raised regarding jurisdiction.

We do not agree with this proposal for the following reasons:

1. **No evidence beach users consider us a problem**

- i. 2024 Beach User Survey. For some unknown reason, our club was not asked to provide feedback/input to the review. Had we been asked; we could have provided feedback and information to assist with drafting the updated bylaw. The survey mentions various recreational pursuits, including land yachting, but not aircraft. Microlight aircraft use the beach more than Land Yachts and this can lead to a conclusion that there are no issues, and the aircraft operating are virtually unnoticeable and certainly inoffensive in their operation.
 - ii. Having reviewed your full user survey, we have not seen a single complaint about microlights landing on the beach. In our experience beach users tend to welcome us and are thrilled to see our small planes land on the beach from time to time. We are very careful not to land in the vicinity of other beach users. Were aircraft specifically mentioned in the feedback received? If so, what are the specific issues with aircraft? If any, we could address those issues directly.
 - iii. 2023 Section 155 Report summary The section 155 report, completed in 2023 as part of the administrative/interim review of the bylaw, did not identify any problems, issues or otherwise regarding aircraft operations on the Northern Pegasus beaches. The data within the report came from various sources, including a Canterbury University Study Paper, entitled ‘The Impact of Vehicles on Northern Pegasus Bay Beaches (*University of Canterbury GEOG309 research paper - November 2020.*) This report made no mention whatsoever of aircraft operations, again indicating there was no impact, adverse or otherwise, on vehicular (and aircraft by association) operations on the beaches. iv. Further, this report referenced Environment Canterbury (ECan) Rangers Patrol Records, which were reviewed by the Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group at meetings in 2023 to identify any changes or new issues in the quarterly reports. No issues or changes were identified. Aircraft operations were obviously not flagged as an issue. Our pilots have had numerous interactions with Rangers, including taking for one for a flight from the very beach section in question. All Ranger interactions were positive with no problems or issues raised.
2. **No evidence the prohibition is needed to protect birdlife (or any other wildlife)**
- i. i. We have reviewed relevant documentation in detail and have found no evidence to support the prohibition. There are already restrictions that are used to protect birdlife in the area. Indeed, one of the references included in the Section 155 report is the book ‘*Bird Disturbance from Human Activity*’ by Bonnie Kaldor, Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust – September 2019. As this book was published in 2019 there is no new information in this reference that might warrant changes to what currently stands. It also relates to an entirely different area of the coast!
 - ii. As for recent feedback on this, we have observed bird habits in the area. The birds present on the foreshore do not appear bothered at all by our operations and often don’t even flyoff when we are nearby. Banded Dotterel activity has been observed first hand by the writer of this submission at Christchurch International Airport. These birds often nest airside, on the open ground near the taxiways and runways. There are not disturbed by the noise of the aircraft, or mowers operating right up to their nests. Further, another CRAC member is a respected and published soil scientist who has studied bird habits around aircraft, at airports around the world. He has found no evidence that aircraft flying near bird habitats disturbs them in any meaningful way.



(That member has advised he will also be making a submission on this bylaw, to make this point.)

- iii. The impact of our aircraft on the beach and its wildlife is unlikely to be at all significant and is certainly less so than that of vehicles and many other uses of the beach. We fly to the beach from time to time, when the tide is out, only landing on the hard sand between the low and high tide mark. Sensitive bird activity in this area, like feeding and nesting, is only above the high-water mark, in the sand dunes and beyond. Unlike land vehicles, we do not cross the sensitive sand dune area to get to the beach as we approach by air, from the seaward side. We also circuit on the seaward side between landings and endeavour to police ourselves to maintain this. We are more than happy to educate our members further on this procedure.

Our aircraft are limited by CAA rules to 600kg maximum weight which, over 3 wheels, is less than 200kg per wheel. The only aircraft that use the beach area are ones that have the capability to do so. This capability includes low-pressure 'balloon' type tyres (some branded even as 'Pillow-soft'). These larger tyres spread the load and calculations suggest it is equivalent to one front row rugby player walking on the beach. These aircraft also have the capability to take off and land in less than 50 metres.

This particular area of the Northern Pegasus Beaches is very important to our club as it is the safest place for us to operate. Landings and take-offs only occur at low tide, and it is the hard damp sand areas that are used. This area is wide and is always smooth sand. The beach to the immediate north becomes gravelly and has large undulations, making it much less safe to operate from. Whilst the actual surface changes with each tide, the subject area is almost always perfect for aircraft to operate. The beach areas south of the river mouth are also much less desirable, as this is where people like to enjoy the beach in any and all manner of ways. We do not like to operate at all in the vicinity of other beach users. The subject area is very secluded and almost always bereft of other users. We do not land at all if there are others fishing, swimming, walking or whatever other users in the vicinity.

Our club is aware that the proposal to establish/amend this and similar bylaws is made under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002*, specifically Section 145 – "*A territorial authority may make bylaws for its district for 1 or more of the following purposes:*

- a) protecting the public from nuisance:*
- b) protecting, promoting, and maintaining public health and safety:*
- c) minimising the potential for offensive behaviour in public places."*

We contribute to none of these issues. However, our operations do align to the aims of section 145 and the Bylaw, as follows:

- manage recreational use: We only operate occasionally, and only at a low tide.
- minimise negative environmental impacts: No environmental impact – there are no birds, dunes or habitat on the foreshore where we operate, between high and low tide marks. Yes, there are Tuatuas, but we are light weight and have very little ground impact.
- promote public health and safety: All pilots are licenced and CRAC promotes safe operations with no landings etc when people are present.



- minimise nuisance and offensive behaviour: nothing offensive. Never had any nuisance feedback, we are low noise etc. Often people are drawn and sometimes get free rides. We are a community orientated organisation.

Why is it important to retain this area - Safety:

This particular area is the best area of the whole coastline for microlight beach landings, right from Sumner through to Amberley Rocks. The areas south of the Ashley River mouth are very often conflicted with other beach users, areas around the actual river mouth are conflicted with fishers and areas to the north of the proposed area have poor terrain, a smaller foreshore footprint, more debris, much more gravel than sand, and constant undulations that make landings unsafe.

Retaining this area promotes safe operations, for the following reasons:

- a. The area is isolated. Pedestrian access to this area is limited, due to the nearby estuary limiting access from the south and private land to the north of the estuary. The nearest road access is approximately 1km to the north. This area is minimally used and would be even less so if the bylaw goes ahead, allowing aircraft to operate very little opportunity for conflict with other beach users.
- b. The area is wide between the high and low tides marks, with very smooth sand. There is very little, or no debris seen in this area.
- c. If aircraft were banned, they could only use other coastal areas that are not covered by the bylaw, but with a much-degraded operational area and very real potential for conflict with other beach users.

These points allow for a reliable and innocuous beach area to operate, with significant positive safety margins. In addition, our aircraft have a very low noise footprint, arguably quieter than the waves crashing, therefore having minimal effect on natural amenity. Aircraft are slow and easily controllable, and all circuits are undertaken out to sea, not over the estuary, with pilots being very aware of the privilege of the area and do not abuse it.

Solutions:

Before solutions can be explored, it would be first prudent to determine the legal basis for the bylaw, to see if the District Council has jurisdiction to make bylaws for the CMA. If it does not, there is no basis for the change detailed in the Bylaw Let's Talk Survey - Question 3. We would also like to see the evidence WDC is relying upon in imposing the restriction on microlight beach operations, as outlined in Question 3.

That said, should it be shown that the council does have jurisdiction, and there is actual evidence to support this change, the following solutions are offered, in order of preference.

Option 1:

Limit the protected area in Schedule 5 (area in brown) to stop at the MHWS, allowing aircraft operations on the CMA, being the foreshore area between the high and low water marks. The simplest solution, which would allow aircraft to operate as discussed above. Should this option be accepted, CRAC would undertake to educate all club pilots on the rules of the bylaw, as they pertain to aircraft operations in this area. This option affords the least administrative burden to all parties.



Option 2:

Develop a user agreement (like the existing agreements for Kite Surfing and Land Yachts) between WDC and CRAC, to allow CRAC pilots to operate in the protected area in Schedule 5 (area in brown) below the MHWS, with aircraft operations only on the CMA, being the foreshore area between the high and low water marks. This option would only authorise CRAC members to operate microlight aircraft in this area.

Option 3:

Introduce a permit access system, with a permit holder displaying a sticker on their aircraft to show authority. Such landing permits would be issued by WDC, but through CRAC to ensure only competent pilots are able to land. This could come with some sort of education package, with the competency endorsement provided by the CRAC Chief Flying Instructor. This option would also only authorise CRAC members to operate microlight aircraft in this area. This option affords significant administrative burden to all parties.

Conclusion

Prohibiting us from landing on the beach is a drastic and heavy-handed measure that is unnecessary, principally as the need for change is unsupported by evidence. We enjoy the natural beauty of New Zealand and wish to see it protected. We would encourage you to engage with us to explore whether any legitimate concerns can be addressed, and to determine a solution suitable to all. As things stand, this proposed prohibition appears to be a knee-jerk reaction to a problem that doesn't appear to exist.

It is crucial to base decisions – and particularly decisions which impose limitations on freedoms currently enjoyed - on sound evidence. That sound evidence is lacking from the current proposal and making decisions that are not rational and well-reasoned exposes the Council to be seen as pandering to small but vocal interest groups.

Accordingly, we urge you to get the fine balance right between restricting our freedoms to enjoy our beautiful country and the need to protect it.

Should the Council have credible evidence that provides a legitimate basis for concern about microlights landing on the beach, we would appreciate the opportunity to engage with the Council to address those concerns and finding solutions that involve the minimum restriction on freedoms needed to address the issues.

Photographs

Included below is a map of the proposed bylaw areas around the estuary. The area discussed in this submission is highlighted with a blue outline.

Also included are photographs showing the aircraft of the beach, in the area in question. The last photograph shows how the beach surface changes to undulating gravel. This is just north of this area discussed, but south of the Ashworths road district border. This makes obvious the increased level of danger through an unsuitable landing area.

I would like to be heard in person, regarding this submission.

19 June 2024





Respondent No: NPBB24-134

Responded at: 20/06/2024

To: Waimakariri District Council

Submission: Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw Review

From: Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

Contact: Kay Rabe (Governance Adviser) com.board@wmk.govt.nz (on behalf of the Board)

The Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board (the Board) would like to thank the Council for the opportunity to give feedback on the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024.

The Board would like to be heard.

General

The Board notes the complexity of this area with the fragmented responsibility between Environment Canterbury, Waimakariri District Council, Hurunui District Council and the Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust all contributing to the protection of the area. Add to this the private groups also working on protecting nesting birds which gives rise to confusion and allows individual to circumvent the rules. This shared responsibility hampers clear and consistent messaging and often causes confusion for both the public and the partner authorities/groups. The Board believes that a clear management plan, especially for the estuary, should be developed.

Proposed Changes to the Bylaw

The Board notes the proposed changes as follows:

- Add “*Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment*” to the overall purpose of the Bylaw.
- Extend the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5).
- Amend the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season.
- Extend the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River/Rakahuri.
- Prohibit fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers.
- Remove the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees.
- Include a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw.

The Board thanks staff for hosting drop-in sessions to inform the public of the proposed changes and commend the way in which staff professionally managed the negative response by some individuals.



The Board strongly supports all the changes proposed and especially supports the prohibition of dogs on the estuarine area. The Board believes there is plenty of beach in the opposite direction

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to exercise dogs and there is no reason for dogs to utilise the estuary at the risk of disturbing nesting birds.

The Board also is in support of the prohibition of light aircraft landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas.

The Board thanks you once again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw.

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Jackie Watson
Chairperson
Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

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Respondent No: NPBB24-135

Responded at: 20/06/2024

To: Waimakariri District Council
Submission: Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024
From: Woodend-Sefton Community Board
Contact: Kay Rabe (Governance Adviser) com.board@wmk.govt.nz (on behalf of the Board)

The Woodend-Sefton Community Board (the Board) would like to thank the Council for the opportunity to give feedback on the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024.

The Board would like to be heard.

General

The Board submitted on the review of the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw (see attached) and after further discussion have agreed that the Board strongly supports the proposed changes and reiterates its thoughts included in its original submission.

The Board congratulates the staff for a very well run submission process, ensuring a wide range of responses being received.

The Board thanks the Council for the opportunity to provide input into this process.

Andrew Thompson
Board Representative for the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw Advisory Group
Woodend-Sefton Community
Board



Previous submission for your information.

While the Board does not want to detract from resident's enjoyment of this natural recreational asset it does also wish to protect the fragile ecosystems the beach supports. Two of the highest risks to these ecosystems, especially near the Ashley River estuary, are vehicles and dogs. The Board supports limiting vehicles on the beach which can, in some instances, pose a risk to others using the beach. The Board would prefer if only essential workers and anglers/whitebaiters were allowed access. The reduction of vehicles on beaches can only improve the environment not only for ecosystems but also the enjoyment of other users of the beach.

The Board acknowledges that walking dogs on the beach is an enjoyable and healthy activity however supports prohibiting all dogs from the sensitive ecological areas and bird breeding grounds around the Ashley estuary and wetlands. While dogs chasing birds seems a harmless pastime and good exercise for the dogs it does endanger nests and eggs as well as causing the birds stress during the breeding season.

The Board would like to recommend that all vehicles and dogs be prohibited from the area north of the public carpark at Waikuku Beach with appropriate and obvious signage to that effect. The Board would also like to recommend that a recognised volunteer group be established to monitor the estuary and to assist in educating the public on the damage to this sensitive area and danger that dogs and vehicles pose.

Another area of concern is the Waimakariri District Council's western boundary of the 'Saltwater Creek Ashley River Estuarine' areas and recommends that further restrictions and enforcement on cars and dogs be introduced to protect the biodiversity of the area.

Horses

The Board would like to thank commercial horse trainers at Woodend Beach for complying with the restrictions that this bylaw places on them and would like to suggest that more obvious signage to alert people that they are entering a training area be considered. With so many new residents to the area, some people may venture into this area without knowing that it includes horses traveling at speed.

The Board thanks you once again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw.

Woodend-Sefton Community
Board

Respondent No: NPBB24-136

Responded at: 21/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? I don't have this information (schedule 5 updated map).

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? If this makes sense for the overall health of the estuary then yes. If it means leaving decaying bird carcasses that in turn attract more predators, then no.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? **STRONGLY DISAGREE** This is over reach and over reaction. The VAST majority of locals who use this for recreation (mental health) have dogs under control - zero added impact to birds etc.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Ban all or allow fires during a very restricted season - whichever it is, erect more signage! Fire is a constant worry over summer.

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? No response

Q12. Any comments? I have no idea - no information contained here as to what the impact of this would be.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? I don't have the information to support this either way.

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

From the 12th June meeting at the Waikuku Beach Hall, a vocal group of locals are VERY upset at the prospect of banning dogs from the sea-ward side of the estuary.



I've walked that for over 30 years and have witnessed ZERO evidence of birds nesting in the impacted area. It would be an absolute shame if a significant proportion of people who love and respect this beautiful taonga cannot walk their dogs there any longer.

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No



June 2024 Submission to Waimakariri District Council made by North Canterbury Fish and Game Council with regard to the proposed Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024

Summary

- 1.1 Fish and Game welcomes the opportunity to comment on Waimakariri District Council's proposed Bylaw change, including the proposed removal of exemption for use of dogs while game bird hunting.
- 1.2 Fish and Game supports minor adjustments to the current exemption, and have outlined these details in our submission below.
- 1.3 Fish and Game wish to deliver an oral submission to the Bylaw hearing panel.

About Fish and Game

- 2.1 Fish and Game is the statutory manager for sports fish and game, with functions conveyed under the Conservation Act 1987. The organisation is an affiliation of 12 regional Councils and one national Council. Together, these organisations represent approximately 130,000 hunters and anglers.
- 2.2 The sports fish and game resource managed by Fish and Game is defined and protected under the Conservation Act and Wildlife Act 1953. The



species within include introduced sports fish and a mix of native and introduced waterfowl and upland game.

2.3 Our vision, purpose, and values are illustrated below:

OUR VISION	OUR PURPOSE	OUR VALUES
Our vision is a New Zealand where freshwater habitats and species flourish, where hunting and fishing traditions thrive and all Kiwis enjoy access to sustainable wild fish and game resources.	Fish & Game New Zealand maintains and enhances sports fish and game birds, and their habitats, ensuring access for current and future generations of New Zealanders.	TRUST INCLUSION CONNECTION SERVICE

2.4 In relation to planning, Fish and Game have a statutory function to advocate for hunters and anglers values and ensure the habitats of sports fish and game birds are provided for. At any one time we may have around 150,000 licence holders, and a larger number (approximately 300,000) that are transient licence holders. The habitat we specifically advocate for includes lakes and rivers that contain trout and salmon (and other sports fish) and wetlands where game bird hunting occurs.

Fish and Game in resource management

2.1 Fish and Game works to provide for the ongoing enjoyment of hunting and freshwater fishing assets, the maintenance (or enhancement) of public access to rivers, lakes, and wetlands for hunting and fishing, and the protection of the habitat of trout and salmon.

2.2 Hunting and angling require legal and physical access both to habitats and the resource itself. Maintenance and enhancement of access is critically important to the pursuits of our licence holders. The maintenance and enhancement of public access is critically important to the pursuits of our licence holders. The maintenance and enhancement of public access to and along lakes and rivers is listed in the RMA 1991 as a matter of national importance.

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3.1 This submission focuses on parts of the Bylaw that relate to the duties and functions of Fish and Game Councils.

Removal of the exemption of use of dogs while game bird hunting in the estuary

3.2 The exemption for game bird licence holders to use dogs while hunting should continue for the following reasons:

- The use of dogs while hunting means they are under control of the hunter at all times, and are used to retrieve shot birds. This is completely different than



dogs being run off leash by beachgoers (a legitimate concern of management agencies).

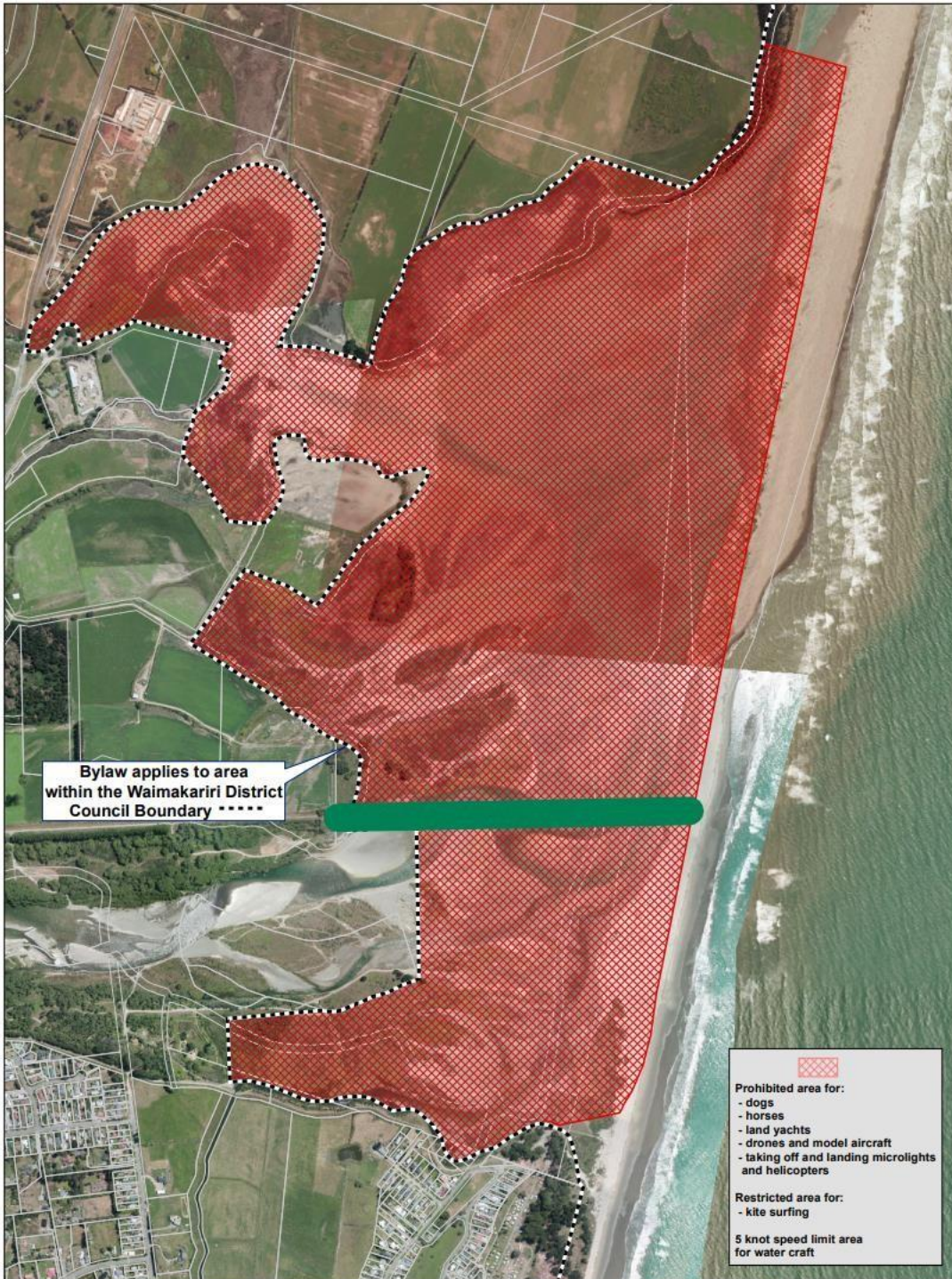
- Hunting/use of dogs for hunting occurs during winter, which is not a critical nesting/brood rearing period for birds.
- There has been no data collected by Waimakariri District Council that supports the proposed change to remove the exemption on the use of dogs while hunting.
- There has been no data collected by the Department of Conservation, who is the statutory manager of native birds, that supports the need, nor benefits for the proposed changes to the use of dogs while hunting in the Ashley Estuary.
- Peer-reviewed scientific publications are clear on disturbance effects on birds, unless the estuarine area is going to be properly turned into a refuge (i.e., completely removing access for all of the public, all of the time), there will be no positive outcomes for bird use at the estuary.

Conclusion

4.1 North Canterbury Fish and Game is prepared to work collaboratively with the Waimakariri District Council to make informed, data-driven decisions that are mutually beneficial.

4.2 Fish and Game strongly oppose the proposed changes. The lack of any scientific data from any agency demonstrating what benefits, if any, the removal of this exemption would bring to the Ashley Estuary makes the complete removal of this exemption for game bird hunters unreasonable.

4.3 Fish and Game would support minor adjustments to the exemption area (for example, removal of the exemption to use dogs for game bird hunting to the south of the green line delineated on the Bylaw map below).



Respondent No: NPBB24-138

Responded at: 2024-06-26 09:23

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? I'd prefer not to include "and cultural value" and just have "natural" added because I note very little involvement of the local Rūnanga in the Bylaw. I therefore do not wish to speak for them, nor do I wish to reward a lack of commitment to an important

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Yes, aircraft will disturb endangered birds and other arrangements/areas should be used to allow for this skills to be learned. The impact is not acceptable. These take off/landings manoeuvres occur a number of times per annum.

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Illogical and inconsistent with the purpose of the Bylaw. All dogs should be prohibited from estuary and associated beach/spit. And, shooting should be prohibited for same reason.

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Definitely. The risk and potential adverse impact justifies a small restriction on this one group of beach users. This logic exists now as regards the restriction on dogs in estuary - extension justifies based on risk to endangered bird species.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Provided scope to obtain exemption from Council remains. I do wonder how the permitted use of the exemption is communicated to residents, other beach users?

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? The lack of engagement from the Trustees is deplorable. It also undermines the effectiveness of the Bylaw if provision for agreement remains. Better to remove this requirement and deal with Trustees proactively if and when they chose to engage.

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Definitely. HDC governs the area immediately adjacent to Bylaw so out of respect and for pragmatic operations appropriate. I also note HDC active engagement with Bylaw is commendable.

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?
 Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? Yes

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RECEIVED 23 JUNE 2024

Submission on Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw Review 2024

The area governed by the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw (NPBB) is amazing and enjoyed by many (species) – people walking, swimming etc and other species that live there.

There is accepted recognition that the Ashley Rakahuri Estuary and adjacent area is significant as a habitat for a range of threatened (indigenous) birds. There is also mounting evidence that wildlife like those birds is under increasing pressure with growing human population and associated development. This pressure on shared use of the Ashley Rakahuri Estuary will increase further as the population of Waimakariri District grows as forecast and residents across the district enjoy this area.

Core to the bylaw is our enjoyment of the area and balancing differing uses including protection of the natural values. The Bylaw has established mechanisms to manage this balance (between those walking and vehicles, dogs), allowing use in some areas but restricting use in other areas where conflict or confusion between user groups could occur.

The risk posed by Dogs

The nature of conflict with the rare and endangered birds is not fully appreciated – Mauling a bird is not the main risk as disturbance has been shown to have long lasting adverse implications for some of these birds. Dogs are shown to be a common source of serious adverse impact, and good dog owners in my experience do not comprehend that one instance of disturbance by their dogs having fun/ doing what’s instinctive can have serious effects. This risk is acknowledged by Council as referred to page 6 of the Let’s Talk brochure.

It's fair that dogs together with their owners are able to walk and run on beaches in the NPBB area. There are vast areas of beach available to dogs and their owners to roam and run along the beach, dunes and in the water. Under the proposed Bylaw changes dog owners still have vast areas to use and enjoy – they can park at the Northern Waikuku beach car park and turn right when they hit the beach and walk for perhaps 10kms to the south with their dogs off the leash provided they are “under control”. However, to give the birds and other creatures a better shot at life it is proposed that they are denied access to a lesser strip of beach perhaps 2km long and some 200m wide (varies as the Ashely Rakahuri river mouth moves).

As I said at the first panel hearing, I do not believe that this additional restriction on dogs/ owners is unreasonable – it’s the compromise necessary, and of the nature envisaged from the outset in the NPBB, to allow one user (species of endangered birds) to use and enjoy the area. This is no different in principle than the compromise accepted by Horse trainers to restrict their



activity to a defined area. For this same reason vehicle access has been restricted to prevent harmful effect on humans enjoying the beach and vehicle impact on indigenous wildlife.

Why should dog owners expect unrestricted access to the entire beach area under the NPB Bylaw? Especially when there is evidence that their enjoyment has an adverse effect on others?

There is an expectation that dog owners have their dogs “under control”, and I am often reminded by local dog owners that this is the case all the time that they walk their dogs on the beach. I respectfully suggest this is not correct. There are many that state that ECan and WDC data suggests that there is a low level of dogs not “under control” on the beaches. I beg to differ and offer up a number of points of reference:

- Pictures taken by Grant Davey while bird watching in that area where the prohibition is proposed and presented in the recent public consultation
- Incidents reported to Ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz (acknowledging potential significant under reporting of incidents)
- Personal observations over the 12 years I have lived at Waikuku beach
- What is a standing joke in the local Waikuku Beach community, which is the stream of Facebook posts by residents looking for the owners of dogs roaming around the village (and hence not “under control”). I attach three such posts logged Friday and Saturday June 21/22. I suggest that if dog owners repeatedly allow dogs to roam (not under control) from their homes it is hard to believe that they will be always under control in the wide-open space offered on the beaches

I assume that the combined estuary plus adjacent beach provides a more viable area for birds to live and prosper, and also simpler to manage and communicate with users including dog owners. The beach naturally runs into the estuary for much of the area northern spit. I personally have encountered dogs and dog owners who have not understood this blurred distinction.

I find it impossible to believe that with the evidence on the precarious state of the bird population and growing numbers of users, Council will not look to further restrict dog access to this area (acknowledging that dog owners and other users have large other areas to enjoy). I also believe that the total prohibition is the most robust restriction to administer, monitor and communicate.

If Council wishes to restrict further but allow some dog access to the spit I suggest there are several factors that must be borne in mind:

- Absolute minimum level of restriction is prohibition of all Dogs in bird Breeding season
- Out of season dogs should be on a lead

If this approach were adopted, ECan and WDC must provide additional funding from the outset to allow for effective:

- Monitoring of adherence of the rules
- Education of beach users including signage and Ranger engagement



Otherwise I submit that the evidence demands that the risk of the adverse impact of dogs disturbing the birds necessitates that access to the Northern spit must be totally prohibited as per the panels' initial recommendation.

Other Issues

There are two other anomalies in the current plan which are activities that disturb the birds, and the Panel has recommended restrictive changes that I support:

1. Aircraft

Planes landing on the spit

- a. We all know that planes are noisy and move faster than many birds. The current allowance for them to land and practice beach landings is now no longer consistent with the plan objectives given public values
- b. I note that there were four planes that had multiple practice landings and then landed to enjoy the scene together in late May.
- c. At this exact moment (10:21 am Saturday 21st) a small plane has just done three practice landings on the northern section of the spit (fly north, drop down to within metres of beach then pull up, turn around and do same again). I note that I can clearly see that there are birds disturbed in this exercise, flying around the plane.

2. Duck shooting

- a. I concur with the panel recommendation that these people no longer be permitted to use dogs in the estuary
- b. PLUS: Its logical and appropriate now to prohibit duck shooting in the estuary – shooting must disturb the birds, and there is demand for sources of disturbance to be reduced. Disturbance even outside of breeding season is not consistent with the purpose of the bylaw.
- c. The small number of users over the years means no real loss of rights (one person shooting at this moment, Sunday 23rd 8am. Second shooter I've heard this year)

In Summary

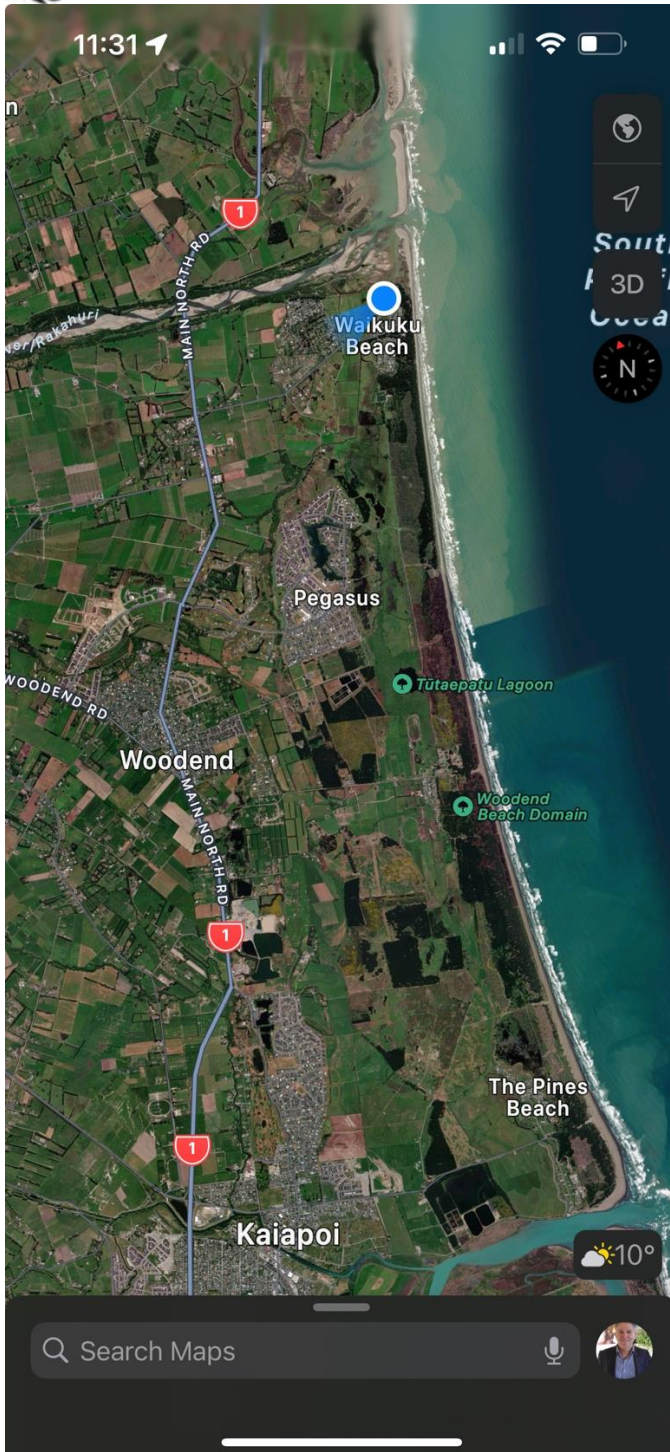
The stunning beaches and estuary covered by the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw are enjoyed by many and are almost universally seen as precious. There are now a small number of inconsistencies' that are correctly being addressed.

Dog owners have vast areas of beach and surrounding space within NPB Bylaw area to enjoy open space with limited interference from others. There are also many other areas of open space adjacent to the Bylaw space that are routinely enjoyed by those dogs and their owners. Endangered bird species do not have that opportunity – they show they can only live in one specific area, most removed from human activity. A relatively small encroachment of dog owners' current rights in one area to further protect endangered species, is in my view reasonable and in keeping with the purpose of the Bylaw.



Furthermore, ignoring the issue of conflict between endangered species and human & dog activity is not acceptable. And making a decision based on a small number of dog owners who make assertions without balance or facts is inconsistent with the purpose of the Bylaw and broader societal expectations.

The panel will want to be careful to look through 'loud voices' advocating on issues that are important to them but have broader (and adverse) impacts - We saw that recently here in Waikuku Beach recently with the heated discussion around removal of the Macrocarpa hedge on Park Terrace South. Council stuck with the logical reasoning that shaped their decision and feedback I have received after the decision is uniformly positive on that decision.



Relative Beach Area (approx.):

- PROHIBITION
 - o Distance from Blue Dot to (what was) Northern river mouth
- FREE ACCESS
 - o Area from Blue Dot to Waimakariri River Mouth at bottom of picture

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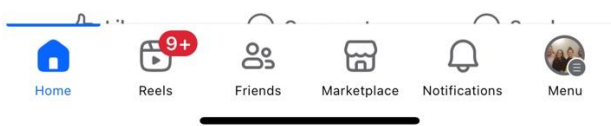
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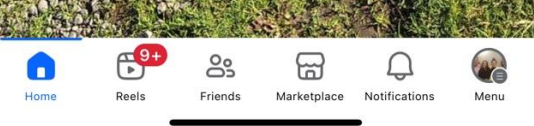
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This guys out for a stroll
Beginning of Kings Avenue





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To the owner of this dog which I believe was out on the stop bank around 11am this morning. I was on my morning run and out of nowhere this dog charges at me from in the bushes. Almost bowled me over and in the meantime jumps up on me, left a big scratch down my leg and has ripped large holes my tights with his claws. No owner in sight who could have kept control of it as after the dog run off I hung around to see if there was anyone with it. If you'd like to do the right thing and replace my now ripped and ruined tights, please private message me as that would be greatly appreciated.

Your dog is roaming.



2 comments

Taken from fb Saturday morning 22nd June, 2024.

Respondent No: NPBB24-139

Responded at: 23/06/2024

The Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust welcomes the opportunity to comment again on the proposed changes to the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw review as a result of the earlier pre-consultation and hearing recommendations.

Firstly, the trust wishes to endorse its original submission dated February 28, 2024 and subsequent comments made at the April 4, 2024 hearing as part of the pre-consultation phase of this review.

There is nothing in the trust's original submission that trustees wish to modify.

Rather the trust wishes to endorse strongly all points already made and congratulates the council's hearing panel on including all the submission points for **enhancing protection** of the internationally renowned Ashley- Rakahuri River estuary and southern spit and surrounds, its biodiversity, wetlands and the large numbers of native birds, some threatened and critically endangered, which feed, roost and breed in the area.

The trust, as the voice for Waimakariri's indigenous biodiversity, wholeheartedly supports the addition of the words to '**protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment**' to the overall vision and purpose of the bylaw and thanks the hearing panel for this inclusion.

The aim of the bylaw since its adoption in 2010 has been to protect the very special Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine habitats, foreshore and dune systems, respect Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri values across the area and separate the sometime conflicting uses of the beach and river estuary for the enjoyment and benefit of all.

This has certainly been achieved to a significant extent during the first 14 years the bylaw has been in force. But it is clear from the initial pre-consultation and the monitoring and photos from Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group members that further change is necessary to protect and respect the area for the very special birdlife that live, breed and feed there.

The trust supports the extension of the prohibited area for dogs to include the entire southern spit adjacent to the estuary as outlined in the proposed bylaw changes.

The trust also supports amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the river and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas as outlined in the proposed bylaw changes by cancelling the exemption for Fish and Game Hunting Licence holders during the gamebird hunting season.

It also supports the extension of the banned area for aircraft take-off and landings to the estuarine areas outlined in the updated map on Schedule 5 of the bylaw.

The concern for the trust is disturbance to the unique bird life claiming the area as home, feeding grounds or a stop-off point on migratory flights. And this protection from disturbance should be paramount irrespective of the hunting season, aircraft training or from residents and visitors exercising their dogs.

All these activities disturb bird species many of which are threatened and critically endangered and this is the trust's focus.



The trust contends the protection of these species, their nesting sites and feeding grounds – their home - **should be the prime aim of this reviewed bylaw** long before the area is considered as a beach ‘dog park exercise area’ or hunting grounds for shooters.

Dog owners have the ability to turn right and walk to the south after exiting the Waikuku Beach carpark and enjoy the 15 - 20km of beach with their dogs.

Not so with the resident or migratory birds.

Once disturbed from their nests and feeding grounds by people and their dogs – whether these dogs are under so-called ‘effective control’ or not – the estuary and river birds are gone and less likely to return.

Two trustees took the opportunity of attending the council’s public meeting at Waikuku Beach on June 12 to hear community views on the proposed bylaw review changes.

These trustees were disappointed at the rude and loud interruptions to speakers backgrounding the bylaw and its results to date.

The level of ignorance displayed by several members of the community about the purpose of the bylaw and the very special nature of the Ashley Rakahuri - Saltwater Creek area where they live and recreate was also disturbing.

Trust members are not persuaded by the views expressed by some at the meeting that people and their dogs have some inalienable right to roam wherever they choose irrespective of the unique birdlife in the area.

Neither is the trust persuaded that birds will be safe from disturbance when dogs are on a leash or during a breeding season-only ban.

The ARRG has photos taken just this month (June) of a loose dog fossicking about in the estuary beyond the sign stating dogs in the area should be on a leash.

There is no comfort from such a photo that dog owners will show any more respect for the area when the existing bylaw is so blatantly ignored.

In fact the trust’s views advocating for a complete and total ban of dogs on the south spit have been strengthened by listening to the views expressed at the meeting.

Banning dogs and their owners from the southern spit is all the more essential to protect the area’s biodiversity and birdlife, the trust contends.

We also note again with disappointment that neither Waimakariri District Council nor Environment Canterbury have increased resources to enforce the provisions of the bylaw in their long-term plans where consistent breaches both from vehicles and dog owners are already noted and the main sources of public complaint.

Trust members do not support any ‘half-way’ house of a dog ban along the spit during the bird-breeding season from August through to January which we believe **would need more resource to enforce** with patrols, education and signage.

There is no point advocating a bylaw change which requires extra resources to enforce when there is no extra resource!



We also do not support the restriction of dogs on the spit to being exercised on a leash. Again this would require much more intensive enforcement using already stretched resources which remain at a static level under new long-term plans.

As photographs submitted by the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group show, dog owners are already breaching the existing bylaw by exercising their dogs without a leash in areas where a leash is required – walking past a large sign stating this.

Having a dog on a leash will not change the disturbance to the bird populations.

And it's the disturbance of the birds in their natural feeding and breeding habitat by dogs and vehicles which is the critical issue to the trust.

Trust members urge the hearing panel to extend the dog-ban area to include the south spit in a total and complete manner with large clear signs to cover 365 days of the year.

The trust would also like to raise the issue of biosecurity in the area.

Panel members will be aware of the world-wide outbreak of avian influenza. While primarily considered a threat to poultry the HPA1 virus caused by the H5N1 subtype is now recorded moving from wild birds to wild mammals both in Antarctica and Australia.

The World Health Organisation recorded the first human case of H5N1 avian influenza in Melbourne on May 18, 2024.

Only New Zealand and the Pacific Islands still remain free of the disease but arguably the time before the first cases are detected in this country are likely short with migratory birds certainly likely soon to bring the virus to these shores.

While a rare occurrence, the H5N1 influenza strain could arguably infect dogs disturbing the nests of birds on the spit and estuarine areas and also spread the infection to other mammals and humans.

This is another reason to prohibit dogs from the areas where potentially infected birds could be nesting and feeding.

The trust is keen to be heard on its submission.

Respondent No: NPBB24-140

Responded at: 2024-06-24 06:27

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? No

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-141

Responded at: 25/06/2024

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? No

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? Yes

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? Yes

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? Yes

Q8. Any comments? Not answered

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? No response

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Yes. I don't agree with the money that is being spent on trying to build a "wheelchair ramp" south of the (Waikuku) surf club. Within 12 months this will be covered in sand! Also cannot see handicapped using it. No thought has been put into this! And no consultation before it started with anybody!

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

Respondent No: NPBB24-142

Responded at: 2024-06-26 09:15

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw? Yes

Q2. Any comments? Not answered

Q3. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas (see updated map on schedule 5)? No

Q4. Any comments? Not answered

Q5. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season? No

Q6. Any comments? Not answered

Q7. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri? No

Q8. Any comments? No, there are so many people who have dogs and they need a place to run their dogs which is away from houses and crowds. We only walk our dog in this area as its quieter and safe from the houses.

Q9. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers? Yes

Q10. Any comments? Not answered

Q11. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees? Yes

Q12. Any comments? Not answered

Q13. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw? Yes

Q14. Any comments? Not answered

Q15. Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add? Not answered

Q16. Would you like to be heard by our hearing panel on your submission? No

I frequently walk from a different access to the beach ... walking along the proposed new restricted area.

I never walk amongst the sand dunes with my dogs and we always stay by the beach and along the shore line. At this end of the beach – especially in the summer – it is far less populated by people and I believe a safe haven for dogs and their owners. To be honest – I have never seen dogs running through the sand dunes or down by the estuary water side. From someone who walks her dogs every day ... I'm actually amazed this is an issue????

If there is evidence of this ... I believe there should be an enforcement for all dog owners to ensure their dogs are fitted with electronic control. I believe THIS should be a new control/bylaw – not the banning of dog walking within this area.

When a dog is trained with an electronic device they will respond to either a “pulse” or tone” which is omitted. If a dog with a strong “prey instinct” were to pursue any wildlife ... an electronic current can be omitted for the dog to be “zapped” which will then break the mindset of the dog and make it return to its owner.

I am aware that these devices are successfully utilised by farmers and various dogs trained within DOC.

I utilise a device like this “Sport Dog” and firmly, confidently believe my dogs would not gain the opportunity to stalk wildlife and or to create harm. I purchased one of these devices years ago believing it was the responsible thing to do!

A couple of years ago I actually “bumped into” a Ranger within this vicinity and he passed comment that he felt confident with this level of control!

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Summary of Officer Recommendations

1. Refine the proposed statement "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" for the overall purpose of the draft Bylaw.
2. Remove the proposed change for an extension of the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing.
3. Add a new Bylaw clause to establish and maintain a user agreement for aircraft landing and taking off in the Bylaw area.
4. Remove the proposed change to remove the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season.
5. Update schedule 5 with a reduced exemption area for the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season.
6. No change to the proposal to extend the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri.
7. Note potential difficulties enforcing a change to the prohibited area for dogs and that staff will commit to working with the Waikuku community to understand their concerns and raise awareness of the importance of the Ashley / Rakahuri Estuary.
8. No change to the proposal to prohibit fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers.
9. No change to the proposal to remove the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees.
10. No change to the proposal to include a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw.
11. Amend draft Bylaw clause 17.3 (d) to include reference to New Zealand Defence Force to include specific reference to temporary military training activities.

Q1. Do you agree with adding "Protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment" to the overall purpose of the Bylaw

Yes – 95 (66%) No – 33 (23%) No response – 15 (10%)

Summary: Generally, submitters are supportive of this addition to the overall purpose of the Bylaw. Some concerns were raised in the submissions about the importance of public access to the beaches and estuary. Noting the feedback on the cultural values element of the proposed purpose, staff recommend a refinement of the purpose statement that reflects the Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan 2013 and will add a clear definition in section 4 of the Bylaw – definitions and interpretations.

Submission reference	Submission comments	Officer analysis and recommendations
NPBB24-02	This is a good guiding statement that I support including.	Of the 95(66%) survey responses that supported this proposed change to the Bylaw,
NPBB24-17	Yes, indeed I see this as an obligation of the council to protect our precious wildlife and habitat of the estuarine environment.	

Submission reference	Submission comments	Officer analysis and recommendations
NPBB24-34	This is a critical area for migrating birds feeding over spring and summer. This area is an area of cultural significance, for Māori, food gathering, living	12 gave written responses in support. The need to find a balance between recreational uses and protecting the environment was mentioned by some.
NPBB24-41	Yes, this is a good idea. The cultural value includes people's use of the beach in their historic cultural manner which must be allowed to continue and not be banned.	
NPBB24-46	Makes it clear and meaningful.	
NPBB24-55	Yes, to protecting our environment and the creatures in that environment in a way that makes sense and still provides a space suitable for resident's recreation.	
NPBB24-76	We place high value on the ecological, recreational and amenity values of the estuary and spit	
NPBB24-82	These values are what make the estuary and coast meaningful and pleasurable.	
NPBB24-95	Both natural and cultural extremely important	
NPBB24-115	I support restrictions that enable the wildlife to thrive in this area.	
NPBB24-117	Definitely needs that protective framework for present and future.	
NPBB24-139	The trust, as the voice for Waimakariri's indigenous biodiversity, wholeheartedly supports the addition of the words to 'protect the natural and cultural value of the foreshore and estuary environment' to the overall vision and purpose of the bylaw and thanks the hearing panel for this inclusion. The aim of the bylaw since its adoption in 2010 has been to protect the very special Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine habitats, foreshore and dune systems, respect Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri values across the area and separate the sometime conflicting uses of the beach and river estuary for the enjoyment and benefit of all. This has certainly been achieved to a significant extent during the first 14 years the bylaw has been in force. But it is clear from the initial pre-consultation and the monitoring and photos from Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group members that further change is necessary to protect and respect the area for the very special birdlife that live, breed and feed there.	
NPBB24-02	But I don't think it should be used to justify actions or decisions	
NPBB24-17	I however don't feel this should extend to microlights landing on our foreshore (between high and low tides)	
NPBB24-25	Of course, I want to protect the environment, but I also believe the foreshore should be available for use by the community.	
NPBB24-47	But the area should be for the benefit of people to enjoy and protect the environment	
NPBB24-92	Appropriate space should be available to all users.	
NPBB24-24	It seems to apply greater limitations to the public use of the area it limits my use of are.	
NPBB24-96	People have far more environmental space to enjoy than our wildlife currently do, people keep encroaching and it's getting smaller and smaller, and people feel more and more entitled to encroach on it.	
NPBB24-50	Protect the natural value of the foreshore and estuary environment - it is for everyone so not cultural value unless it relates to everyone - no special privileges for any group	
NPBB24-73	I think the term "cultural value" needs to be clearly defined.	Five comments relate to the inclusion of 'cultural value' in the proposed change.
NPBB24-120	I believe the environment should be protected for all cultures to use equally.	
NPBB24-123	Racist	
NPBB24-138	I'd prefer not to include "and cultural value" and just have "natural" added because I note very little involvement of the local Rūnanga in the Bylaw. I therefore do not wish to speak for them, nor do I wish to reward a lack of commitment to an important local treasure.	
NPBB24-25	The question is vague, what exactly do you mean by this?	Feedback on the quality of the high-level purpose statement is noted by the project team.
NPBB24-30	That doesn't really mean anything without context, what a political statement.	
NPBB24-14	But not at the sacrifice of eliminating dogs from the beach. Are you sure dogs are the problem if there is a problem with nesting birds' mortality being down. What is being done to ensure that the Ashley River isn't polluted with nitrates etc.? Doesn't that pose the biggest threat to wildlife.	This feedback does not directly relate to the high-level purpose statement. It is more relatable to the detail of the Bylaw and some of the other proposed changes.
NPBB24-16	Yes.	
NPBB24-38	Vehicles should have more restrictions	
NPBB24-80	Yes, protecting our wildlife is important and fully support the estuary being dog free. But the shoreline should be available to dog walkers.	
NPBB24-83	I agree with this provided the addition of the clause is not used as a reason to ban dogs from the beach area.	
NPBB24-98	UNCLEAR OF THE "OVERALL PURPOSE OF BYLAW" BUT THE HUMAN AND FAMILY RIGHTS OF PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE DISREGARDED - OUR DOGS ARE PART OF OUR FAMILY!!	
NPBB24-99	Estuary - not foreshore.	
NPBB24-105	Protecting the Estuary + riverbed. More planting in Dunes + trapping required rather than excluding people + dogs!	
NPBB24-110	I agree with intent but not blanket banning of particular users (namely dog user)	
NPBB24-116	I support the restriction of vehicles and dogs in the estuary environment and foreshore to protect birds and wildlife that are being nurtured in this area.	

Submission reference	Submission comments	Officer analysis and recommendations
NPBB24-23	Aware of bird habitat in the area close to the lagoon and river but see no evidence of birds north of the lagoon.	Three submissions on this proposed change relate their feedback to the birds in the Bylaw area and more specifically the Ashley/Rakahuri Estuary which is recognised by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as a wetland of 'international significance'. Two submissions provided written feedback that either partially or wholly disagree with the proposed change to the overall purpose. Three submission comments on this proposed change are unclear on their purpose or intent.
NPBB24-31	Rare and unique birds such as the wrybill, far-eastern curlew and black stilt are often found in the estuary.	
NPBB24-128	Protecting the birds and the environment is very important to fishermen. The beaches are there for everyone to use and enjoy as long as they respect other users and the environment.	
NPBB24-37	Not totally. As with everything there needs to be compromises so everyone thinks they have had a gain to some degree + been heard.	
NPBB24-40	I don't agree with the proposed bylaw	
NPBB24-54	WDC needs to step up	
NPBB24-56	Freedom on the beach	
NPBB24-113	?	

Q2. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas?

Yes – 78 (55%)

No – 55 (38%)

No response – 10 (7%)

Summary - Staff acknowledge this proposed change is about achieving a balance of managing the environmentally and ecologically important Ashley Rakahuri Estuary and providing for the landing and taking off of recreational aircraft on Ashworths Beach north of the Ashley River mouth. Staff note this is considered to be the only section of beach in the Bylaw area suitable for the activity by the recreational aircraft enthusiasts. Staff attended a meeting of the Rangiora Airfield Advisory Group (RAAG) during the consultation period to discuss the proposed change and hear feedback from the group. A number of RAAG members have made submissions and will be represented in person at the meeting. Staff support the suggestion by the Canterbury Recreation Aircraft Club to not extend the prohibited area but rather to establish a user agreement with the Club to proactively manage the activity in the area and limit the impact on the estuary. User agreements have proven successful in managing the impacts of some activities in the Bylaw area.

Submission reference	Submission comments	Staff comment
NPBB24-07	Can't be good for the nesting birds!!	12 submissions made comments that either supported the proposed extension of the prohibited area or highlighted the impact and importance of the birds and wildlife in the estuary. The Bylaw education programme will seek to provide greater information and publicity about the important birds and wildlife in the area, and the impacts of human activity on them.
NPBB24-18	No, I fully agree with preventing aircraft taking off and landing within the estuary. But extending this to the beach I believe is unnecessary. Aircraft have a very minimal effect on the environment. And birds do not amass on the foreshore. They amass in the estuary. The area in schedule 5 will just move aircraft that want to land on the beach to the only suitable spots which is south of the estuary	
NPBB24-34	Low flying planes are distracting the bird life from feeding, and frightening them	
NPBB24-41	Ok if there is not valid reason for them to do this.	
NPBB24-46	To make rules consistent: if it creates noise and disturbs the wildlife, ban it.	
NPBB24-56	Aircraft in the estuary is plain stupid	
NPBB24-80	Can't see this being beneficial to wildlife	
NPBB24-81	The estuary is a Taonga that needs protection along with the birds that live there.	
NPBB24-84	Aircraft landing and taking off is a disturbance. It will affect bird feeding habits, could lead to birds avoiding the area and, in the end, reduce the estuary population.	
NPBB24-116	I believe that these areas support the native habitats for our marine creatures and birds, native fauna, and wildlife to thrive.	
NPBB24-138	Yes, aircraft will disturb endangered birds and other arrangements/areas should be used to allow for these skills to be learned. The impact is not acceptable. These take off/landings manoeuvres occur a number of times per annum.	11 submissions provided observational feedback that this recreational activity occurs infrequently or were generally supportive of the activity.
NPBB24-139	It (<i>Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust</i>) also supports the extension of the banned area for aircraft take-off and landings to the estuarine areas outlined in the updated map on Schedule 5 of the bylaw.	
NPBB24-14	The aircraft touch and go that I have seen is very infrequent. The noise is minimal.	
NPBB24-24	How often do aircraft land on the beach haven't seen one land there yet. Let them have their fun. They are more respectable of other users than vehicle users.	
NPBB24-30	In the whole time I have lived at the beach I have seen 1 aircraft land on the river	
NPBB24-40	I've only seen them land on a low tide. Causing no harm.	
NPBB24-87	Should be able to use the foreshore	
NPBB24-113	I cannot see anything wrong with landing and taking off on the north side of the Rakahuri river between high and low tide.	
NPBB24-122	I feel it adds to the enjoyment of going to the beach. Where else can you see something as amazing as this.	

NPBB24-123	O.M.G. someone has got their (illegible handwriting). Please don't say they are damaging the shellfish!! If you want to save the shellfish and marine life ban the trawlers that vacuum the (illegible handwriting) to 2km offshore!!!	
NPBB24-128	There is no problem with the small planes landing on the beach north of the Ashley River. They land on the hard sand when the tide is out, and sand is firm. The pilots are very respectful and check out the area before landing on the stone free area.	
NPBB24-129	Can't see any problem with what's in place now (Bylaw).	
NPBB24-130	The aeroplanes use of the beach is minimal.	
NPBB24-17	<p>Reviewing your full survey of users of the area I did not see one complaint about microlights landing on the beach.</p> <p>As a committee member of Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club we have gone to great lengths to discourage fellow members from landing on the riverbed during bird nesting season and from flying over the estuary. We have promulgated your river and estuary map to our members regularly. We fly to the beach perhaps once a month and only when the tide is out. We land and take off in under 50 meters and do not cross the sensitive sand dune area to access the beach as other vehicles have to. We avoid flying over the estuary and come to the beach from the sea.</p> <p>Our planes are limited by CAA rules to 600kg maximum weight which over 3 wheels is less than 200kg per wheel. Large wheels spread the load and without physics calculations suggest it is equivalent to one front row rugby player walking on the beach.</p> <p>Of the 17000 km of NZ beach it is unlikely that our plane foot print is harming the shellfish populace.</p> <p>Finally I feel that restricting access to our beloved and sacrosanct foreshore has been a major debate in NZ politics over many years and in my concern is this is likely to spark a Judicial review.</p>	<p>This feedback is provided from nine submitters who participate in this recreational activity providing observational and technical feedback.</p> <p>One submission notes the Beach User Survey does not provide any feedback on this activity. Staff note the Beach User Survey responses did not directly provide evidence for this proposed change.</p>
NPBB24-22	This is one of the safest areas for really small two seat aircraft (with the big tyres) in all of Pegasus Bay. The spit is wide and free of debris below high tide mark and has a low number of other users. Planes only land below high tide to avoid debris and I understand they fly over first to check it's safe and smooth to land on, to interactions with birds or users. I really like seeing people land on the beach and the planes are really quiet, I often see them but rarely hear them from Woodend. I don't have a problem with them using that section of beach for minutes at a time as they do, and I don't see any evidence in the survey of others who feel the same.	<p>Submissions from CRAC representatives question the evidence that this recreational activity causes disturbance of birds and other wildlife in the Ashley Rakahuri estuary. Staff note that there is no available evidence of the impact on birds and wildlife in the estuary from the taking of and landing of aircraft in the area and that more general evidence relating to the disturbance of birds has been used to inform the analysis instead. Research into the impact of all recreational activities in the Bylaw area on the estuary and its importance to bird species is always welcomed and encouraged.</p>
NPBB24-23	We never land in this area due to birds.	
NPBB24-25	<p>I operate an aircraft off the beach on the north side of the Ashley River mouth and can confidently say that I do disturb any bird life in the estuary. I observe all minimum heights as I'm legally required to do.</p> <p>All my circuits are on the seaside.</p> <p>The pilots of other planes I fly with are also very respectful of the rules and requirements not to fly low over the Estuary. We're all good people who meet the Fit & Proper requirements under Civil Aviation Law and among the ten I fly with are doctors, a lawyer, electrician, farmers and business owners.</p> <p>We are also very conscious of not conflicting with walkers, cars, motorbikes, fishermen, horses etc.</p> <p>In my experience, the few other beach users in this area are comfortable with our operations and will often come for a chat if we're stopped. To date I've not seen or heard of any negative feedback.</p> <p>Further I'm concerned at the wording of the question.</p> <p>The question is framed so that an agreeable person (which most people are) will say "Yes" because they don't have a reason to say "No". This is not fair; you have given no context to the question and reasons why planes should be banned. Also, you haven't given people the option of saying they "don't know" or "don't have an opinion" so are forced to say one way or the other which by default will be "Yes".</p> <p>You haven't told submitters that we operate below the high tide mark and therefore don't damage the sand dunes. Or mentioned that we circuit out to sea and therefore don't fly low over the estuary.</p> <p>In closing we are part of this community, we operate with care and respect and I'm disappointed that the Council have worded the question in such a way that the default answer is "Yes" to banning planes.</p>	
NPBB24-26	<p>I fly aircraft regularly to the proposed area of change. Aircraft can only safely land well below the high tide mark on the hard sand, usually within an hour of low tide. This poses no danger and has no effect on bird life, I only land if there are no other beach users in the immediate area.</p> <p>The landing speed for my aircraft is 50 kmph, not a high speed.</p> <p>I am aware of the areas not to land in, and I see this as an unnecessary law that will limit my enjoyment of the beach. I am also concerned this will lead to other landing bans in the district.</p> <p>We all should be able to use this area safely and with consideration for others. Please do not extend the prohibited area. If you have concerns, contact me and I take you for a flight and show you what limited impact the aircraft landing has.</p>	<p>Submission NPBB-25 noted the consultation question does not provide an option for submitters that have no knowledge of the activity or its impact. This point was also raised at the RAAG meeting staff attended. Staff acknowledge the comments but feel that there is sufficient written feedback in the submissions that will provide the Hearing Panel with feedback beyond the Yes/No survey options.</p>
NPBB24-86	<p>The Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club (CRAC) is a strong and growing group of people, from a varied range of backgrounds and professions, who share a love of aviation and the natural splendour New Zealand has to offer.</p> <p>We do not agree with this proposal for the following reasons:</p> <p>No evidence beach users consider us a problem - Having reviewed your full user survey, we have not seen a single complaint about microlights landing on the beach. In our experience beach users tend to welcome us and are thrilled to see our small planes land on the beach from time to time. We are very careful not to land in the vicinity of other beach users.</p>	

	<p>No evidence the prohibition is needed to protect birdlife (or any other wildlife) – We have reviewed relevant documentation in detail and have found no evidence to support the prohibition.</p> <p>There are already restrictions that are used to protect birdlife in the area. We promulgated your map to our members regularly to remind them of these restrictions. Our members have been mindful not landing on the riverbed and flying over the estuary during nesting season.</p> <p>The impact of our aircraft on the beach and its wildlife is unlikely to be at all significant and is arguably less so than that of vehicles and many other uses of the beach. We fly to the beach from time to time, when the tide is out, landing on the hard sand between the low and high tide mark only. Unlike land vehicles, we do not cross the sensitive sand dune area to get to the beach as we approach from the sea.</p> <p>Our planes are limited by CAA rules to 600kg maximum weight which, over 3 wheels, is less than 200kg per wheel. Large wheels spread the load and physics calculations suggest it is equivalent to one front row rugby player walking on the beach. We take off and land in less than 50 metres.</p> <p>We are disappointed that we were not consulted on this proposal before it went out for public consultation. We would have welcomed the opportunity to engage with you to ensure you were fully apprised of the relevant facts, which are often very different from assumptions.</p> <p>Prohibiting us from landing on the beach is a drastic and heavy-handed measure that is unnecessary and unsupported by evidence. We enjoy the natural beauty of New Zealand and wish to see it protected. We would encourage you to engage with us to explore whether any legitimate concerns can be addressed. As things stand, this prohibition appears to be a knee-jerk reaction that has not been well thought through.</p> <p>It is crucial to base decisions – and particularly decision which impose limitations on freedoms currently enjoyed - on sound evidence. That sound evidence is lacking from the current proposal and making decisions that are not rational and well-reasoned exposes the Council to the threat of judicial review. We would much rather see ratepayer funds used for purposes which genuinely benefit our beautiful District than on litigation.</p> <p>Accordingly, we urge you to get the fine balance right between restricting our freedoms to enjoy our beautiful country and the need to protect it.</p>	
<p>NPBB24-91</p>	<p>Question 3: Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for aircraft taking off and landing within the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas to include adjacent beach areas?</p> <p>I am an aviation enthusiast who cherish New Zealand's natural beauty. my aircraft, well-suited for landing on unprepared surfaces, frequently use the northern beach area near the Ashley/Rakahuri River mouth. Therefore, I oppose the proposed exclusion of aircraft, particularly microlights, from this beach area as outlined in the planned bylaw amendment.</p> <p>My primary concern centres around jurisdictional issues raised by the proposed map, extending into the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) below the Mean High-Water Springs (MHWS). We maintain that the Waimakariri District Council lacks authority to regulate aircraft in the CMA under the Land Transport Act 1998. Moreover, policies cited from the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement do not apply to aircraft, further challenging the legal basis for this proposal.</p> <p>Substantively, we note the following:</p> <p>Lack of Evidence of Impact: The 2024 Beach User Survey did not solicit feedback from our club, excluding crucial insights into aircraft operations. Our review indicates no reported issues or complaints regarding microlight landings on the beach. The 2023 Section 155 Report similarly failed to identify any problems with aircraft operations, reinforcing our stance that our activities do not disrupt beach users or wildlife.</p> <p>Environmental Impact: Studies and personal observations indicate minimal disturbance to birdlife in the area, supporting our assertion that our operations do not affect sensitive bird habitats.</p> <p>Safety and Operational Necessity: The designated beach area north of the river mouth offers essential safety and operational benefits for microlight aircraft, featuring smooth, firm sands ideal for landings and minimal interference with other beach users. In alignment with the Local Government Act 2002, our operations contribute positively to managing recreational use, minimizing environmental impact, promoting safety, and preventing nuisance in public spaces.</p>	

	<p>Conclusion and Recommendations: Prohibiting aircraft from landing on the beach lacks justification in the absence of evidence supporting such restrictions. I urge the council to reconsider the proposed bylaw amendment based on factual evidence and collaborate with us to explore solutions that balance conservation concerns with our members' recreational needs.</p>	
NPBB24-92	<p>When the tide is at half ebb or lower this is a very safe space for microlight aircraft to land and take off. Your surveys to date contain no adverse comments about aircraft using the beach. At half to low tide, aircraft movements on the hard sand have no effect on birds and wildlife above the high-water mark.</p>	
NPBB24-133	<p>See written submission (TRIM240620100420) The Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club (CRAC) is a strong and growing group of people, from a varied range of backgrounds and professions, who share a love of aviation and the natural splendour New Zealand has to offer. The very nature of our aircraft allows us to fly to places other than normal aerodromes, with some aircraft well suited to landing on unprepared strips. One of these places that some of our members often use is the beach area to the north of the Ashley/Rakahuri River mouth. Therefore, we do not agree with the proposal to exclude aircraft (specifically microlight aircraft) from the portion of the beach as outlined in the planned Bylaw amendment.</p> <p>Importantly, the map showing the area where aircraft landing would be prohibited appears to show an area extending below the Mean High-Water Springs (MHWS), across the coastal marine area (CMA) to the sea. CRAC members do not believe the Waimakariri District Council (WDC) has jurisdiction to make bylaws for the CMA, therefore we question the legal basis for this proposal. It can be argued that WDC is managing the area on behalf of the Department of Conservation (DOC), in accordance with the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010. It can then be proffered that WDC is relying on Policy 20 of the Policy Statement that discusses Vehicle Access. Firstly, the definition of a vehicle is covered in the Land Transport Act 1998, which covers various options of a land vehicle, but with no mention of or description of, an aircraft. Further, given this act is the 'Land' Transport Act, this definition would not appear to apply to aircraft. Therefore, the provisions of Policy 20 of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement cannot be used to justify WDC jurisdiction over aircraft using the CMA. This same principle of the definition of a vehicle applies to sections 22AB(1)(b), 22AB(1)(c), 22AB(1)(f) and 22AB(1)(zk) of the Land Transport Act 1998, as referred to in part 1.1 of the draft bylaw. Therefore, these sections of the Land Transport Act have no bearing on aircraft landing and taking off from the subject area.</p> <p>The remainder of this submission addresses the substantive elements of the proposal but is subject to the question we have raised regarding jurisdiction.</p> <p>We do not agree with this proposal for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No evidence beach users consider us a problem <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2024 Beach User Survey. For some unknown reason, our club was not asked to provide feedback/input to the review. Had we been asked; we could have provided feedback and information to assist with drafting the updated bylaw. The survey mentions various recreational pursuits, including land yachting, but not aircraft. Microlight aircraft use the beach more than Land Yachts and this can lead to a conclusion that there are no issues, and the aircraft operating are virtually un-noticeable and certainly inoffensive in their operation. ii. Having reviewed your full user survey, we have not seen a single complaint about microlights landing on the beach. In our experience beach users tend to welcome us and are thrilled to see our small planes land on the beach from time to time. We are very careful not to land in the vicinity of other beach users. Were aircraft specifically mentioned in the feedback received? If so, what are the specific issues with aircraft? If any, we could address those issues directly. iii. 2023 Section 155 Report summary The section 155 report, completed in 2023 as part of the administrative/interim review of the bylaw, did not identify any problems, issues or otherwise regarding aircraft operations on the Northern Pegasus beaches. The data within the report came from various sources, including a Canterbury University Study Paper, entitled 'The Impact of Vehicles on Northern Pegasus Bay Beaches (University of Canterbury GEOG309 research paper - November 2020.) This report made no mention whatsoever of aircraft operations, again indicating there was no impact, adverse or otherwise, on vehicular (and aircraft by association) operations on the beaches. iv. Further, this report referenced Environment Canterbury (ECan) Rangers Patrol Records, which were reviewed by the Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group at meetings in 2023 to identify any changes or new issues in the quarterly reports. No issues or changes were identified. Aircraft operations were obviously not flagged as an issue. Our pilots have had numerous interactions with Rangers, including taking for one for a flight from the very beach section in question. All Ranger interactions were positive with no problems or issues raised. 2. No evidence the prohibition is needed to protect birdlife (or any other wildlife) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. We have reviewed relevant documentation in detail and have found no evidence to support the prohibition. There are already restrictions that are used to protect birdlife in the area. Indeed, one of the references included in the Section 155 report is the book 'Bird Disturbance from Human Activity' by Bonnie Kaldor, Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust – September 2019. As this book was published in 2019 there is no new information in this reference that might warrant changes to what currently stands. It also relates to an entirely different area of the coast! ii. As for recent feedback on this, we have observed bird habits in the area. The birds present on the foreshore do not appear bothered at all by our operations and often don't even flyoff when we are nearby. Banded Dotterel activity has been observed first hand by the writer of this submission at Christchurch International Airport. These birds often nest airside, on the open ground near the taxiways and runways. There are not disturbed by the noise of the aircraft, or mowers operating right up to their nests. Further, another CRAC member is a respected and 	<p>Staff have met with representatives from CRAC to discuss feedback and the proposed solutions offered by the Club. Staff want to acknowledge the positive discussions on this matter and are encouraged by the approach the Club has taken.</p> <p>Of the 3 proposed solutions offered by CRAC staff prefer the user agreement option as there has been success in managing other recreational activities in the Bylaw area with this approach and it will allow for regular reviews to monitor the effectiveness of the agreement.</p> <p>Staff will review the previous work undertaken in the development of the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw to clarify the jurisdiction query raised in the CRAC submission.</p>

	<p>published soil scientist who has studied bird habits around aircraft, at airports around the world. He has found no evidence that aircraft flying near bird habitats disturbs them in any meaningful way. (That member has advised he will also be making a submission on this bylaw, to make this point.)</p> <p>iii. The impact of our aircraft on the beach and its wildlife is unlikely to be at all significant and is certainly less so than that of vehicles and many other uses of the beach. We fly to the beach from time to time, when the tide is out, only landing on the hard sand between the low and high tide mark. Sensitive bird activity in this area, like feeding and nesting, is only above the high-water mark, in the sand dunes and beyond. Unlike land vehicles, we do not cross the sensitive sand dune area to get to the beach as we approach by air, from the seaward side. We also circuit on the seaward side between landings and endeavour to police ourselves to maintain this. We are more than happy to educate our members further on this procedure.</p> <p>Our aircraft are limited by CAA rules to 600kg maximum weight which, over 3 wheels, is less than 200kg per wheel. The only aircraft that use the beach area are ones that have the capability to do so. This capability includes low-pressure 'balloon' type tyres (some branded even as 'Pillow-soft'). These larger tyres spread the load and calculations suggest it is equivalent to one front row rugby player walking on the beach. These aircraft also have the capability to take off and land in less than 50 metres.</p> <p>This particular area of the Northern Pegasus Beaches is very important to our club as it is the safest place for us to operate. Landings and take-offs only occur at low tide, and it is the hard damp sand areas that are used. This area is wide and is always smooth sand. The beach to the immediate north becomes gravelly and has large undulations, making it much less safe to operate from. Whilst the actual surface changes with each tide, the subject area is almost always perfect for aircraft to operate. The beach areas south of the river mouth are also much less desirable, as this is where people like to enjoy the beach in any and all manner of ways. We do not like to operate at all in the vicinity of other beach users. The subject area is very secluded and almost always bereft of other users. We do not land at all if there are others fishing, swimming, walking or whatever other users in the vicinity.</p> <p>Our club is aware that the proposal to establish/amend this and similar bylaws is made under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002, specifically Section 145 – "A territorial authority may make bylaws for its district for 1 or more of the following purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. protecting the public from nuisance: b. protecting, promoting, and maintaining public health and safety: c. minimising the potential for offensive behaviour in public places." <p>We contribute to none of these issues. However, our operations do align to the aims of section 145 and the Bylaw, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - manage recreational use: We only operate occasionally, and only at a low tide. - minimise negative environmental impacts: No environmental impact – there are no birds, dunes or habitat on the foreshore where we operate, between high and low tide marks. Yes, there are Tuatuas, but we are light weight and have very little ground impact. - promote public health and safety: All pilots are licenced and CRAC promotes safe operations with no landings etc when people are present. - minimise nuisance and offensive behaviour: nothing offensive. Never had any nuisance feedback, we are low noise etc. Often people are drawn and sometimes get free rides. We are a community orientated organisation. <p>Why is it important to retain this area - Safety:</p> <p>This particular area is the best area of the whole coastline for microlight beach landings, right from Sumner through to Amberley Rocks. The areas south of the Ashley River mouth are very often conflicted with other beach users, areas around the actual river mouth are conflicted with fishers and areas to the north of the proposed area have poor terrain, a smaller foreshore footprint, more debris, much more gravel than sand, and constant undulations that make landings unsafe.</p> <p>Retaining this area promotes safe operations, for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The area is isolated. Pedestrian access to this area is limited, due to the nearby estuary limiting access from the south and private land to the north of the estuary. The nearest road access is approximately 1km to the north. This area is minimally used and would be even less so if the bylaw goes ahead, allowing aircraft to operate very little opportunity for conflict with other beach users. b. The area is wide between the high and low tides marks, with very smooth sand. There is very little, or no debris seen in this area. c. If aircraft were banned, they could only use other coastal areas that are not covered by the bylaw, but with a much-degraded operational area and very real potential for conflict with other beach users. <p>These points allow for a reliable and innocuous beach area to operate, with significant positive safety margins. In addition, our aircraft have a very low noise footprint, arguably quieter than the waves crashing, therefore having minimal effect on natural amenity. Aircraft are slow and easily controllable, and all circuits are undertaken out to sea, not over the estuary, with pilots being very aware of the privilege of the area and do not abuse it.</p> <p>Solutions:</p>	
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NPBB24-47	<p>Aircraft present no hazard to the environment as they can only land at low tide and up to the high tide mark. They only land when there are no people on the beach. They are low weight and do not damage the beach in any way.</p> <p>I fully support beach landings at the mouth of the Ashley River.</p>	Two submissions do not consider this to be an issue and support the continuation of this recreational activity.
NPBB24-83	<p>I don't have a strong view on this but believe that aircraft should be prohibited from taking off and landing on the Waikuku side of the river mouth. However, I believe that aircraft should be able to take off and land on the north side of the river mouth. My reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that the birds on the spit are unaffected by aircraft on approach from the south with the intention of landing on the north side of the river mouth, - the aircraft that take off and land on the north side of the river mouth are microlight type aircraft with a low noise profile. - The aircraft that take off and land on the north side of the river mouth generally approach from the south over the sea so aren't actually over the beach until close to the north side of the river mouth. <p>Oddly I've never seen an aircraft take off to the south from the north side of the river mouth but if the concern is the birds on the spit, then that could be a good compromise i.e. prescribing that the aircraft can only approach from the south and take off to the north,</p>	
NPBB24-101	This takes away freedom of residents and visitors.	Six miscellaneous submission comments are noted.
NPBB24-110	Should be available to all users	
NPBB24-119	Keep the status quo.	
NPBB24-126	With the exception of emergency planes/helicopters for rescue etc.	Clause 16.1 of the draft Bylaw has an exemption for emergency services.
NPBB24-38	I'm not informed enough on this to know	
NPBB24-136	I don't have this information (schedule 5 updated map)	

Q3. Do you agree with amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas by removing the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season?

Yes – 59 (41%)

No – 80 (56%)

No response – 4 (3%)

The majority of survey responses are opposed to removal of the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season. Reasons provided include highlighting the difference between trained gun dogs and domestic pets as well as the impact removing the exemption would have on the activity of gamebird hunting being able to take place in the estuary. Submissions in support of the proposed change relate to the disturbance to birds and wildlife in the area. The impact of cats in the area (unclear whether domestic or feral) is raised as an issue in the estuarine area.

Staff have met with North Canterbury Fish & Game Council representative on this proposed change and discussed activity in the estuary. Submission NPB24-137 from Fish & Game provides an alternative proposal to reduce the area in the estuary that the exemption would be allowed for. This also aligns with the maps provided by Environment Canterbury of permitted, licenced and prohibited areas for hunting in the area. Staff support not proceeding with the proposed change to the Bylaw and recommend continuing with the exemption for holders of Fish and Game Hunting Licenses during gamebird hunting season but amending schedule 5 to reduce the area the exemption applies to.

Submission reference	Submission comments	Staff comment
NPBB24-11	If the owners are concentrating on another sport, the dogs are not under their control.	Feedback from 18 submissions is supportive of the proposed change highlighting the impact on birds and wildlife as the primary reason. Some submissions highlight a need for consistency for both trained gun dogs and domestic pets.
NPBB24-14	And how can hunting be allowed there? how is that protecting the birds? So gun shots must effect the birds!	
NPBB24-16	Yes. Gamebird hunting should be banned in the Ashley River/Rakahuri area. This type of activity is not compatible with the natural/cultural values the Bylaw purports or create. The Bylaw is compromised by the inclusion of any exemptions for Fish and Game that allow gamebird hunting.	
NPBB24-23	Fish and game people have hunting dogs! Why the exemption for them?	
NPBB24-31	I did hear gunshots on the 9th of June while birding. Surely hunting is banned in the estuary and surrounding areas. Otherwise, it should be.	
NPBB24-33	Dogs are not compatible with the precious birdlife that depends on this area for feeding and nesting	
NPBB24-37	One rule for all	
NPBB24-46	Certainly, they create nuisance, disturbance, and destruction to habitat and wildlife.	
NPBB24-83	I believe strongly that the estuary area should be declared a Nature Reserve and should be protected as such. To this end I believe that all fishing and duck shooting should be prohibited within the estuary area. For me this would include whitebaiting as we know that wild whitebait stocks are declining across NZ year on year so protecting the area would help secure a crucial food source for birds and other marine life, as well as allow the whitebait to grow to maturity. It seems to me that declaring the estuary a Nature Reserve would be supported by the vast majority of people. Duck shooters and fishers are both damaging the birdlife in the estuary area. There have now been a number of incidents where duck shooters have shot Spoonbills, Herons, and Biterns in the area. This aside from the fact that the gunshots occur all year round and are a major disturbance for bird life in the estuary and dunes.	
NPBB24-84	This is a habitat for birds and shouldn't be disturbed at all.	
NPBB24-87	Only within the estuary	
NPBB24-95	It is no place for any kind of dog	
NPBB24-96	As above, too much entitlement from humans who choose to do the selfish thing, not the right thing ruin it for everyone	
NPBB24-115	I don't support exemption that permits dogs into this estuarine.	
NPBB24-116	All dogs should be banned from this area to protect our native birds and wildlife in this area.	
NPBB24-124	This place is a natural resting, breeding place for our sea and water and coastal birds, and has been for years, millennia probably. It is a small ask to prohibit dogs from disturbing these birds. Plenty more beach available for exercising and dogs (and gamebird shooting). This is just a fraction of the beach space available and should be restricted. It may be difficult to enforce - is there an enforcement plan?	
NPBB24-138	Illogical and inconsistent with the purpose of the Bylaw. All dogs should be prohibited from estuary and associated beach/spit. And shooting should be prohibited for same reason.	
NPBB24-139	The trust also supports amending the clause prohibiting dogs from the river and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas as outlined in the proposed bylaw changes by cancelling the exemption for Fish and Game Hunting Licence holders during the gamebird hunting season.	
NPBB24-02	I think there is cultural value in hunting. It's untrained domestic dogs (often small and fluffy ones) that do damage to native birds. Feral cats are also likely a larger issue than pets. Hunters have well trained animals that listen to commands. There is mahinga kai value in allowing sensible hunting practices to take place here	Staff note the feedback from two submissions on the cultural value of hunting and harvesting.
NPBB24-20	The ability to harvest wild kai is an integral part of NZ culture, and the ability for people to use trained dogs to retrieve game is a part of this	

NPBB24-04	We as a family regularly gamebird hunt both the estuary and river, our trained gun dog is always in attendance as that is her main purpose. Fully trained never a threat to any native species which I have spent many voluntary hours previously predator trapping to protect. It seems ridiculous to us that exemptions for circumstances like this cannot be made. The untrained dogs and mindless 4wd in ecologically sensitive areas will continue with or without new bylaws without increased enforcement, while regular rule abiding public lose out .game bird license holders should not lose their exemption nor should dogs be blanket banned from the river or beach away from the estuary, more rules for rules sake that will not be properly and only adhered to by the few, that were never a problem anyway.	<p>19 submissions provided feedback on the practical implications of the proposed change most notably that the recreational activity is severely affected if gun dogs are not available to collect injured and dead gamebirds.</p> <p>Staff note feedback from North Canterbury Fish & Game Council on the duties and functions of Fish and Game Councils in managing the safe practice of this recreational activity. Staff support the request to work collaboratively in future reviews and implementation of the Bylaw but also acknowledge their limited capacity and resources would not allow them to actively participate in the Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group.</p>
NPBB24-13	As a responsible gamebird hunter, it is a priority to retrieve and dispatch wounded game in a timely manner. Without a dog to retrieve said game this is not achievable Hunting season in the winter months May June July has little to no impact on other birdlife and should be removed from the bylaw amendment	
NPBB24-14	If you are going to allow hunting, there how are the birds going to be retrieved from the estuary once they've been shot and killed. There should be no hunting there!!!!	
NPBB24-19	I think this is a backwards step for hunters in the area. As hunters, we do a lot of good for the environment and this does not help. It would also mean that hunters who use this area are more likely to lose downed birds without a dog to help retrieve them. Where is the evidence that gamebird hunters and their dogs are causing issues?	
NPBB24-40	No. duck hunters have their dogs under control	
NPBB24-41	It's a bit close to housing but essentially safe.	
NPBB24-63	Hunting dogs are well controlled and so not an issue for the protection of birds	
NPBB24-86	Dogs needed to retrieve - no dogs could mean unharvested bodies (deaths for no purpose if can't be retrieved) or injured waterfowl escaping to die a slow and painful death	
NPBB24-94	Dogs used for hunting are usually very well trained and under voice control. I don't think they would have an impact or threat on the native bird life	
NPBB24-98	NO TO REMOVING THEIR RIGHTS. AS WITH DOGS ANYWHERE AS LONG AS THE OWNERS HAVE THEM UNDER EFFECTIVE CONTROL NOTHING SHOULD BE CHANGED - THIS IS A PEOPLE ISSUE ONLY!!	
NPBB24-105	Pests? Geese - Dogs well trained to retrieve Ducks etc.	
NPBB24-113	Duck shooting dogs are very well trained dogs they sit in the MiMi until a duck is dropped then go and fetch.	
NPBB24-117	But I can empathise with the hunters - not sure how they will retrieve dead gamebirds and may create more issues.	
NPBB24-123	I think this is very cruel to ban dogs during the game bird season i.e. a wounded bird may be in water too deep for physical retrieval.	
NPBB24-125	They need dogs to collect dead birds.	
NPBB24-128	Leave the exemption as it is. This was extensively consulted in 2010.	
NPBB24-129	Dogs under control during gamebird season should be allowed to retrieve dead and wounded game shot by hunters.	
NPBB24-130	I don't see a problem having dogs in the area. The dogs used for hunting and shooting are well trained and under control. The duck shooting season is a small part of the year. Dog walkers should carry a lead for their dogs on beach.	
NPBB24-137	<p>See written submission TRIM240621101482</p> <p>This submission focuses on parts of the Bylaw that relate to the duties and functions of Fish and Game Councils.</p> <p>Removal of the exemption of use of dogs while game bird hunting in the estuary</p> <p>The exemption for game bird licence holders to use dogs while hunting should continue for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of dogs while hunting means they are under control of the hunter at all times and are used to retrieve shot birds. This is completely different than dogs being run off leash by beachgoers (a legitimate concern of management agencies). • Hunting/use of dogs for hunting occurs during winter, which is not a critical nesting/brood rearing period for birds. • There has been no data collected by Waimakariri District Council that supports the proposed change to remove the exemption on the use of dogs while hunting. • There has been no data collected by the Department of Conservation, who is the statutory manager of native birds, that supports the need, nor benefits for the proposed changes to the use of dogs while hunting in the Ashley Estuary. • Peer-reviewed scientific publications are clear on disturbance effects on birds, unless the estuarine area is going to be properly turned into a refuge (i.e., completely removing access for all of the public, all of the time), there will be no positive outcomes for bird use at the estuary. <p>North Canterbury Fish and Game is prepared to work collaboratively with the Waimakariri District Council to make informed, data-driven decisions that are mutually beneficial.</p> <p>Fish and Game strongly oppose the proposed changes. The lack of any scientific data from any agency demonstrating what benefits, if any, the removal of this exemption would bring to the Ashley Estuary makes the complete removal of this exemption for game bird hunters unreasonable.</p> <p>Fish and Game would support minor adjustments to the exemption area (for example, removal of the exemption to use dogs for game bird hunting to the south of the green line delineated on the Bylaw map below.</p>	

NPBB24-120	I regularly use the area and have never seen a problem with any dogs.	Staff note observational feedback received but also acknowledge it does not clearly relate to gamebird hunting and use of gun dogs.
NPBB24-122	I have never seen any issues with dogs being at the estuary. When I fish down there most dogs are either on leads or the owners have control of them.	
NPBB24-85	Don't know the season. Is it near bird nesting time. If so. Yes.	Feedback from three submissions relate to seasonal aspects of the birds in the estuary. Education on the season life of birds in the estuary and gamebird hunting season would provide more information for residents and visitors.
NPBB24-88	I don't agree with a total ban on dogs. I think the area should be closed to everyone during the birds nesting season and reopen to regular activity after those months.	
NPBB24-119	Estuarine dwelling birds aren't breeding during gamebird hunting season. Prohibition therefore not required. Breeding season from September to March.	
NPBB24-10	I reckon taking away the right to hunt with a dog in the estuary is silly.	Three submissions requested the status quo – no changes.
NPBB24-79	Just keep everything the same	
NPBB24-80	Think rules should remain as current	
NPBB24-54	Great thing to do	Unclear whether this relates to the activity itself or the proposed change.
NPBB24-30	On the beach (not the estuary where they nest) how many birds exactly have been destroyed by dogs?	Staff note feedback in the submission comments.
NPBB24-25	Sorry I don't have enough information to say one way or the other	
NPBB24-47	no interest	
NPBB24-55	This is a very wordy and confusing statement which isn't written well for the public to easily know what they are saying yes or no to. Understand needing to look after the nesting grounds etc but when vehicles are allowed in that area it seems counter intuitive.	
NPBB24-73	Also prohibit whitebaiters from the estuarine area.	
NPBB24-136	If this makes sense for the overall health of the estuary, then yes. If it means leaving decaying bird carcasses that in turn attract more predators, then no.	

Q4. Do you agree with extending the prohibited area for dogs to include the entirety of the spit adjacent to the estuarine area to the low tide mark north of the Waikuku northern car park and south of the Ashley River / Rakahuri?

Yes – 46 (32%)

No – 90 (63%)

No response – 7 (5%)

Summary: This attracted the most attention during the consultation with a number of members of the Waikuku community making submissions specifically on this matter alone. 90 submissions (63%) opposed the change to extend the prohibited area. Feedback from those that support the proposed change highlights the need to protect the endangered bird species in the estuary from dogs, acknowledging that birds are in the area to rest, feed and nest and different species are found in the area throughout the year. Submitters in support of the proposed change suggest there are alternative areas that recreational dog walking can take place so as to protect this internationally acknowledged important estuarine area.

Submissions that are opposed to the change identify this as a unique area for dogs with no suitable alternative. It should be noted that there are two dog-related recreational activities on the spit. Those that walk their dogs for recreation and those that bring their dogs while fishing for companionship. Observational feedback notes a lack of dog/bird interaction taking place in the area but that there are concerns over general dog behaviour on the beaches and the impact on other recreational activities in the area. Feedback acknowledges that many dog owners are conscientious and take responsibility for effective control of their dogs, but it is perceived a small minority do not have effective control (as required by the Dog Control Bylaw) and negatively impact on dog walking in the area.

Options are offered in the submissions feedback including restricting dogs to being on a lead in the seaward side of the spit or to restrict access during nesting season. Opposition to the restricted season notes difficulties in educating and enforcing different rules at different times of the year. Due to active bird activity being for the majority of the year the unrestricted season would be relatively short. Feedback opposed to the suggestion of allowing dogs on the spit but on leads indicates that a dog restrained by a lead is not necessarily a dog under control and dogs in the area are considered a disturbance to birds.

There are two submitters that believe that dogs and birds can co-exist in the same space. Research identified in the Section 155 Report for the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016 (amended 2023) disagreed with this statement.

Feedback from 31 submissions strongly oppose or oppose the change for dog walking on the spit. The seaward facing half of the spit is considered a safe space where owners and their dogs can walk without being 'pestered' by other dogs, recognising that not all dogs interact positively, and reduces the need to interact with other recreational activities (except fishing). There is concern that increasing the prohibited area puts more pressure on the available beach in the Waikuku area and the area set aside for the surf lifesaving club has a 50m exclusion area for dogs, though this is seasonal. Staff have met with a representative of the Waikuku Lifesaving Club to gain their feedback on the current and proposed Bylaw clauses. Waikuku Lifesaving Club note difficulties with unsupervised dogs in the area and would welcome education and awareness raising of dog control on beaches through the Bylaw Implementation Plan.

Staff held two community meetings at Waikuku Beach Hall during the consultation period where the only topic of discussion was the proposed change of access for dog walking. Staff welcome the positive feedback received on the meetings and the opportunity for the local community to air their views and ask questions.

The recommended amendment to extend the prohibited area for dog walking remains unchanged. Staff acknowledge potential difficulties enforcing this change and feel that a commitment to working with the Waikuku community to raise awareness of the environmental values of this area may be required first. Staff also note the alternative options of dogs on leads and the introduction of restricted seasons have been suggested and may reduce potential impact of the activity but are not supported by submitters concerned for the birds and wildlife in the estuary that this proposed change seeks to address.

Submission reference	Submission comments	Staff comment
NPBB24-05	I'll be sad to not take my dog for a walk up the spit but recognise that the reason why is valid and important.	15 submissions provide feedback that is supportive of the proposed change.
NPBB24-38	People have shown they can't be responsible with their dogs, so I'd like to see them more monitored and restricted	
NPBB24-46	Consistency. They do not need to be there, as there are many places to walk dogs in Waimak.	
NPBB24-76	Bird breeding areas need protection. There are great dog parks in the district.	
NPBB24-81	The birds who either live year-round or visit as part of the annual migrations need to be left in peace without people letting their dogs roam at will disturbing them. Dogs currently roam although the dunes and along the estuary edge where they are not allowed so changing the rules to no dogs allowed in the estuary nor along the spit at any time along with better signage and some compliance monitoring is required. There are many kilometres of beach for people to walk their dogs south towards the Waimakariri. It is time for people to change and start appreciating the special place they live beside.	
NPBB24-82	This is crucial to looking after the birdlife on an estuary which is acclaimed nationally and even known internationally. When I walk my dogs there, I feel I have plenty of options without going up the spit. I also feel this change will make signage simpler and compliance easier for dog walkers. It will also make recognition of non-compliance easier to recognise. The population of coastal Waimakariri is growing rapidly and this will put more pressure on the natural places. Areas such as the estuary which have very high ecological values must be protected from this pressure. A number of birds which rely on the estuary for food or breeding space are declining in population, so to stop this we must get ahead of the curve and do what we can to enhance their breeding success and survival.	
NPBB24-84	Definitely needs extending. As it is dogs are part of the estuary "habitat". Many estuary dwellers feed along the beach and are constantly pushed into flight by dogs on the beach. As already mentioned, feeding is interrupted adult bird patterns to feed the young are disrupted and migrating birds lose valuable feeding time through disturbance. Dog owners do not obey rules to keep dogs on leashes so have forgone the rights to walk dogs beside the estuary.	
NPBB24-95	If the ban is put into place, which I really hope it is, it will need some intermittent policing as unfortunately more than a few local dog owners flout current rules	
NPBB24-96	Dogs have got plenty of areas to exercise and roam - we need some areas to be safe from them for our wildlife	
NPBB24-106	There are many other areas at Waikuku where dogs can be exercised either on-leash or off-leash, including much of the seashore from south of the estuary to Pines/Kairaki, green spaces, forest and walking/cycling tracks. The bird life in the estuary face a number of challenges. Restricting access by dogs will remove one of those challenges and it is hoped will help any at-risk bird species living in the Ashley/Rakahuri estuary.to survive and breed.	
NPBB24-109	Have been there several times when dogs not on leash and no owners in sight have chased birds. I have two dogs and a happy to have some areas prohibited to protect our native species. There are plenty of other places to walk your dogs.	
NPBB24-116	I agree as dogs are a huge problem to our native birdlife and species that area breeding and thriving in this area. It is a beautiful sight to see the nesting birdlife in this area.	
NPBB24-124	This place is a natural resting, breeding place for our sea and water and coastal birds, and has been for years, millennia probably. It is a small ask to prohibit dogs from disturbing these birds. Plenty more beach available for exercising and dogs (and gamebird shooting). Again, difficult to enforce but totally agree.	
NPBB24-138	Definitely. The risk and potential adverse impact justifies a small restriction on this one group of beach users. This logic exists now as regards the restriction on dogs in estuary - extension justifies based on risk to endangered bird species.	
NPBB24-139	The trust supports the extension of the prohibited area for dogs to include the entire southern spit adjacent to the estuary as outlined in the proposed bylaw changes. Dog owners have the ability to turn right and walk to the south after exiting the Waikuku Beach carpark and enjoy the 15 - 20km of beach with their dogs. Not so with the resident or migratory birds. Once disturbed from their nests and feeding grounds by people and their dogs – whether these dogs are under so-called 'effective control' or not – the estuary and river birds are gone and less likely to return. Trust members do not support any 'half-way' house of a dog ban along the spit during the bird-breeding season from August through to January which we believe would need more resource to enforce with patrols, education and signage. There is no point advocating a bylaw change which requires extra resources to enforce when there is no extra resource! We also do not support the restriction of dogs on the spit to being exercised on a leash. Again this would require much more intensive enforcement using already stretched resources which remain at a static level under new long-term plans. Having a dog on a leash will not change the disturbance to the bird populations. And it's the disturbance of the birds in their natural feeding and breeding habitat by dogs and vehicles which is the critical issue to the trust. Trust members urge the hearing panel to extend the dog-ban area to include the south spit in a total and complete manner with large clear signs to cover 365 days of the year. The ARRG has photos taken just this month (June) of a loose dog fossicking about in the estuary beyond the sign stating dogs in the area should be on a leash. There is no comfort from such a photo that dog owners will show any more respect for the area when the existing bylaw is so blatantly ignored.	

	As photographs submitted by the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group show, dog owners are already breaching the existing bylaw by exercising their dogs without a leash in areas where a leash is required – walking past a large sign stating this. Trust members urge the hearing panel to extend the dog-ban area to include the south spit in a total and complete manner with large clear signs to cover 365 days of the year.	
NPBB24-09	Controlled dogs should be allowed on the ocean side of the spit. I agree that on the estuary side and where the dunes are being reestablished dog and walkers should not be allowed but at the low tide there is plenty of room for bird life and dogs with their owners to walk. In reality very few people head far north on the estuary. I think this decision would impact the few local dog owners who are respectful of our wildlife and who walk regularly on the beach. These are not the people you should be banning from the beach. More effort needs to be made to the countless vehicles that area on the beach and in the estuary - although some of that can be entertaining to watch from our kitchen window! Has there been any talk about people walking, swimming, and playing on the estuary side?	Two submissions considered that dogs and birds can co-exist
NPBB24-73	I do not understand the reason for the prohibition. I have seen dogs on the beach area, but they are doing no harm to wildlife there. I walk on that area of the beach every day and have never seen a dog entering the estuarine area where the birds nest. Allowing dogs on this area of the beach helps keep them free of the area near the surf club. If the prohibition is purely based on the information in the latest consultation, I do not think it is warranted. If the prohibition is to be included in the bylaw, I would like to see evidence of actual harm committed by dogs to wildlife.	
NPBB24-10	I walk my dog along here often. There are never any birds other than sea gulls on the beach	Observational feedback from 13 submissions.
NPBB24-14	I walk my dog there on a daily basis. I do not allow my dog to chase birds and I have not seen other dogs chase birds their either. Most dog owners are responsible. If there is a time of year where the birds are nesting, signs should be placed in the area to state birds are nesting please walk elsewhere or stick closely to the waters edge.	
NPBB24-11	We know, from walking in this area, too many dogs are roaming free. It would seem off leash from the beach side.	
NPBB24-31	A lot of the dogs that go to the estuary often come from the beach portion of the spit.	
NPBB24-45	Have seen dogs chasing birds and one attack	
NPBB24-63	Dogs on the beach do not disturb the nesting birds. The only issue is if dogs go further west into the estuary area. I am a daily user of the beach area for my dogs and spend a lot of time on the beach. I have never seen an issue with dogs being on the beach area. If there has to be a change made (and I'm not sure why it would) then dogs only on leads would be a far better compromise.	
NPBB24-67	If resource was going to be invested in protecting the native birdlife, it would be more effectively spent on enforcing bikes and vehicles staying off the riverbed in the estuary area from the Kings Ave (Waikuku entrance) carpark east to the sea, and dogs being on a lead from the estuary carpark eastwards to the sea (North Waikuku Beach). I am a local rate payer and dog owner who has lived locally since my dog was a puppy and she is never off the lead - anywhere. She is always picked up after. Her registration is always paid promptly - yet the proposed changes smart of control rather than protection, and an 'everyone is punished for the actions of a few' approach. Indeed, we are just back from the beach as we speak. The Waikuku beach community spirit and inclusivity will be lost forever with said proposed changes. What an utter travesty is being proposed here.	
NPBB24-94	I have walked this end of the beach for over 10 years now, with my dog and have never seen dogs causing havoc on the bird life in the estuary or the spit. Most dog walkers I notice are well below the high tide mark and a fair distance away from the estuary. I've never seen a dog causing a disturbance in this area. If there is proof of more than a one-off altercation causing disturbance or death to the birds, I think as locals we need to see this and for it not to be taken at face value that it is happening on a regular basis. I for one would be very disappointed if this proposed change is enacted. I enjoy the space at this end of the beach. It's away from families with young children who might not like dogs and gives space for my dog to exercise and swim in the sea.	
NPBB24-112	I do not agree with the bylaw proposal. I believe that walking dogs in this area is not impacting the birds - lived here my whole life (17years), my family and many others are a responsible dog owner; our dog is always under control, had no interest / does not chase birds and we keep to the shoreline.	
NPBB24-113	I have no problem with walking our dogs between the low tide and high tide its easy walking why would you want to go in the sand hills (it's a great walk).	
NPBB24-115	We see dogs running around off leash often in the prohibited zone. Today while walking several dog prints around the estuary edge. On the beach dogs chasing near the surf, dominca Gulls, in their own breeding ground. It is not uncommon to see dogs running up into the sand dunes, while owners walk in the distance.	
NPBB24-122	I have never seen any issues with dogs being at the estuary. When I fish down there most dogs are either on leads or the owners have control of them.	
NPBB24-125	Most dogs are on a lead and others are controlled.	
NPBB24-40	identify the breeding season and have dog owners keep dogs on a lead over that period. Easier to police and educate over the breeding season.	Four submissions note the importance of nesting season.
NPBB24-53	I agree that dogs should not be in the estuary where birds nest, but I do not agree with banning dogs from the beach in this area as birds do not nest below the high tide line where the dogs walk. As Waikuku resident I have never witnessed a dog attack or chase birds other than seagulls fishing in which case they fly away. I see no benefit to banning dogs in this area.	
NPBB24-88	as previously stated, close the area to all activity during nesting season - then reopen. that's dogs, walking, hunting, planes, whitebaiting.	
NPBB24-108	Birds do not nest on the beach side of the spit particularly under the high tide mark.	
NPBB24-12	Please let us keep walking our dogs.	Four submissions have limited feedback but want to keep restriction as it currently is.
NPBB24-77	I would like to still be able to walk the dogs along the beach side of the spit please	
NPBB24-79	I do not agree with this. Our dog is always under control and has no interest in wildlife, he is a Labrador and just likes to play in the sea.	
NPBB24-119	Do not extend this prohibited area, keep it as it is.	

NPBB24-13	This reduces the area public can exercise their dogs and puts more pressure on the interaction between other beach users with the restriction dogs during the surf patrol season at the surf club it leaves a marginal area between the northern flag and the beach access Observation of current users will demonstrate a high % of dog owners walking North to reduce the interaction with general public.	31 submissions are opposed or strongly opposed to extending the prohibited area for dog walking.
NPBB24-24	Definitely NOT. It's a great area to allow dog walkers to take their dogs for a walk without the pressure of walker getting pestered by other dogs. This will reduce my freedom of choice on where I can take our dog for a walk. We use this area regularly along the seaside only. Keep all dogs out of the estuary side but allow dogs on the seaside all the down the beaches .	
NPBB24-28	Absolutely DISAGREE with this proposal. Provided dogs are under proper control, as per the Council's Dog Control Bylaws, I see absolutely no need to restrict people walking their dogs to the river-mouth. Dog-walking is to be encouraged for both the physical and mental health of the owners and their dogs, and to put a restriction such as this in place seems counter-productive. By all means, take more steps to enforce the current rules, but don't put any further restrictions in place with respect to dogs. Put some more emphasis, time and money, into better signage and increasing public awareness of the reasons why the estuarine areas need to be restricted.	
NPBB24-30	HUGE NO and I think every dog owner in Waikuku will agree. What is the point in living by the beach if you can't walk your dog on it. The birds are rarely even there. The Rivercare group has gone too far, I used to be a supporter but now I can't stand them they can't apply basic common sense	
NPBB24-35	I do not agree with the proposed dog changes	
NPBB24-36	I don't agree with this clause, I think dogs on a lead is acceptable when walking to the river mouth. We walk every day around Waikuku, the beach and Ashley River area, always with our dogs on a lead I would be extremely upset if this was stopped	
NPBB24-39	I think as long as dog owners are responsible to keep their dogs off the bird nesting estuary area then they should have access to walk their dogs North of the carpark to the Ashley river mouth. Any areas for dogs near flagged swimming areas is not acceptable for me due to dog poo and that would include a good distance either side as the poo can travel in the water. I've never seen swimmers north of the carpark but have over the years seen many many happy dogs and walkers. There are so many places you can't take dogs now. There are so many people using dog parks which is good but can be hazardous with big dogs running together and knocking people over. I've heard of ambulances and broken legs and injuries to people that have occurred because of this. Also, some dogs just don't get along with other dogs and need bigger spaces. I've always found people to be responsible with their dogs on that area of the beach. With all the stones that have been washed up since the flood and river mouth altered a few years back it is really only good to walk on at low tide, so dogs are well away from the estuary side. I'm mainly thinking of the bigger dog also. These dogs need lots of space to run for a good time to be happy and that stretch of beach has been such a good thing. When u think of the size of the country and the amount of areas that wild birds and animals have to roam its sad that dog owners are becoming so restricted. Thanks to the council for all the areas they have make available for dogs over the years has been much appreciated.	
NPBB24-41	Definitely no. People have been walking the beach for decades. It's their cultural right to continue this. This is a poor option and will not achieve the stated objective as there are so many more factors that impact the birds much more significantly than people walking the beach with their best friends.	
NPBB24-44	This seems a significant over reaction to a small number of irresponsible dog owners at the expense of those of us who enjoy (with our dogs) the peace and joy from the ability to walk the entirety of the spit. Having been associated with Waikuku Beach for over 55 years, I am really concerned that once again the quality of life in Waikuku Beach is being eroded by petty regulations that do not address the real issue which is those few irresponsible dog owners. Maybe instead of stopping people enjoying life more resource should be put into enforcing regulations that currently exist.	
NPBB24-51	One of the reasons we bought in the areas is specifically because of Waikiki beach and the fact that I can walk my dogs on it. It is completely inappropriate to take that away from dog owners. Dogs are already excluded from the whole estuary area, so to exclude them from the beach as well is NOT ok.	
NPBB24-55	People should still be allowed to walk their dogs along the beach as the birds aren't nesting there. As long as the dogs are on the beach and not in the dunes, I think it's OK and beneficial to many people and dogs quality of life.	
NPBB24-70	Leashed dogs pose no threat to nesting birds. I run and walk with my dog regularly up to the river mouth from the Ashley River Waikuku beach carpark. She is a terrier and always on a lead even when I run, and never ever disturbs the birds. The beach should be available as a resource for us all to enjoy and is an extraordinary tool for mental wellness. Walking and running with my dog especially first thing as sunrises is the best antidepressant in the world. We love the birds, and my dog is always under my control. Amend the law to stipulate dogs should be on a lead, that would be much more fair. A total ban is awful, and so heavy handed and does not take into account the wants and needs of a community.	
NPBB24-74	I agree with prohibiting dogs from the Ashley River estuary and sand dunes, but I strongly disagree with prohibiting dogs from the adjacent beach areas. I regularly walk my dog from the Waikuku Beach Surf Club down to the river mouth and the only thing he is interested in chasing is the stick I throw into the sea for him to fetch. I believe if dogs are under effective control there is no issue. The majority of the birds are in the estuary and riverbank, not on the beach below the high tide mark. I am also a regular horse rider along with my young daughter and we use the entrance from the horse float car park and ride south towards Pegasus. Dogs are always a worry, especially for my young daughter. Our horses are fine with dogs but not all dogs are fine with or use to coming across horses. If you prohibit dogs from the beach north of the Waikuku Beach Surf Club it will mean more dogs south of the surf club where many of us ride our horses which would put us at greater risk of dogs spooking, chasing or attacking our horses causing injury to both horse and rider. I have had an occasion in the past where 2 large dogs attacked by horse on the beach, and it was not a nice experience.	
NPBB24-75	Dogs do not go into the estuary side of beach and are almost always under control. What is a REAL problem are cats, feral and domestic, so before you even give dogs half a thought, get rid of all cats from the entire area as these creatures roam for miles. Please do not ban dogs as I know so many good people will leave the area and these are the people we need to keep to encourage people to live here not the unsavoury characters who will move back to the empty properties. Waikuku does not have much going for it apart from the beach so please please leave it alone and let us rate payers use it, keep it clean and enjoy with our dogs.	

	Horses should also be told to clean up their disgusting heaps of steaming poo and the small wildlife they kill underfoot in the forest - this all seems very aimed at dogs - perhaps a dog hater is doing the counting???
NPBB24-80	In total disagreement of this. Been living in Waikuku 20 years. I am a dog owner. I walk respectfully along the shoreline. Love knowing estuary is dog free and supporting our precious wildlife BUT believe this proposal is neither necessary nor realistic. My dog is under control at all times, does not chase wildlife, just wants to paddle the ocean edge. We don't go further than where the sand dunes stop. This bylaw would mean more dogs in areas nearer the surfing which in itself would add to the chaos where many families picnic and enjoy the beach too. I trust the council will see sense here and not add rules that don't benefit the public and aren't impacting wildlife. Better signage and education about our area and breeding season is required especially for those not local and visiting the area ALSO more money spent on tramping. Possums are everywhere at the beach :-)
NPBB24-83	<p>I strongly disagree with this proposed change. There is no evidence at all of birds being attacked on the beach by dogs and anecdotal evidence only of birds changing nesting spots. It is completely feasible that rather than dogs causing the changing of nesting spots that it is part of the natural process for those birds.</p> <p>I personally have been walking down to the spit along the beach regularly for the past 24 years (or more actually) and in that time I have not seen a single issue with dogs and birds, and neither has anyone I know.</p> <p>I note that even the biggest proponent for birdlife in Waikuku, the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group do not propose a ban on dogs along the beach in their submission report. What they ask for in their Management/ Improvement Needed section at the end of the report is the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improvement of signage - More enforcement of the existing bylaw - Increased education - Development of a volunteer group <p>I agree with all of these suggestions, particularly the improved signage and the education. To this end there seems to be two main places that people access the estuary area with dogs. The first is at the northern carpark to the left when walking to the beach and the second from the beach side at the end of the vegetation where the old river mouth used to be. In both cases a large triangle sign with the words dogs prohibited in estuary area would be a vast improvement. There are large yellow triangle signs at Owhiro Bay in Wellington which denote the Marine Reserve which could be used as template. They are around 1.5m in height and there is no missing them. If it is proven that there is an issue at the Spit then a similar sign could be placed at the spit to say that it is a valuable bird habitat and that dogs should be on a lead or kept more than 20m away from resting birds.</p> <p>In terms of education I find it deeply ironic that the biggest and brightest sign at the estuary/ beach area is the sign proposing the banning of dogs on the beach. Imagine if there were a few such signs instead showing people some of the amazing birdlife, identifying their endangered or threatened status and highlighting the potential damage dogs can do. I think better still why wouldn't the Council fund the creation of a container information centre that could be positioned at the northern car park. Done right, an information centre could be a fantastic low-cost education facility and be used to create awareness within the wider community. Such a facility could be manned by volunteers, or potentially unmanned, and opened and closed by volunteers. It could be funky, artistic and a bit of a landmark as well as an educational facility. It could even be used for schools etc I'd estimate it could be put in place for around \$30K.</p> <p>To summarise, the proposed banning of dogs in the beach area feels to me like lazy tick box policy and by this, I mean that anyone in government or local government knows it is far easier to legislate than it is to educate. But bylaws aren't generally that effective and there is considerable evidence of them not bringing people along with them and as such being ignored. Whereas education and signage does work because it engages with people.</p> <p>I've spoken with two local Council people, and it worries me that the result of this consultation seems to be premediated. It would be interesting from a legal perspective to understand the ramifications of a Council pre-determining a consultation process and I sincerely hope that it isn't the case. But either way I believe that the Council should take a step back and use the review as an opportunity to educate, inform and be innovative.</p> <p>It has been said to me that there are tens of kms of alternate beaches for dog walkers. I don't agree with this statement. If you travel south from the northern carpark along the beach you get to the surf club where dogs are not allowed with 50m, then between Waikuku and Pegasus the beach is increasingly populated with people, and further south horses are now trained between Pegasus and Kairaki. In contrast the beach north of the northern carpark to the spit attracts few people and no horses, and I repeat there is no documented evidence of any issue. Any ban must surely require documented evidence of an issue.</p>
NPBB24-87	Dogs should be permitted along the foreshore
NPBB24-88	I would like to protect the birds, but I don't agree with simply eliminating dogs from the estuary as the answer.
NPBB24-98	ABSOLUTELY NOT - BOTH MYSELF, FAMILY (AND FRIENDS) HAVE FOR THE FORTY FIVE YEARS WE HAVE LIVED IN WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT EXERCISED AND SWUM WITH OUR DOGS AT OUR LOCAL BEACHES - WE ALSO TRAIN THEM AT THE BEACH.
NPBB24-102	Disagree effects to higher percentage of the community.
NPBB24-104	Absolutely Not!

NPBB24-105	ABSOLUTELY NOT! Dogs walking on the shore have little effect on birds. On lead at spit is good & already banned from Estuary. Not many people aware of on lead. More signage + protection of nests on riverbed.	
NPBB24-107	I am really against this change, due to being a local dog owner to the community	
NPBB24-110	I have loved here for over 20 years. I never seen this as an issue. The dogs that may cause issues are those dogs that are freely roaming without owners. This rule would not limit those. I have a dog and walk at the beach regularly. My dog does not chase birds and by banning them in this area would simply push all dogs them down the beach to more crowded areas. This seems to be penalising those responsible dog owners for actions of the minority. The beach is for everyone and the laws should be maintaining that rather than narrowing it.	
NPBB24-118	Definitely NOT. The reason a lot of people live here is because of the beach and <u>their</u> dog, if dogs are banned, this place will be full of drug users and benefit bludgers cos no normal person will live here cos let's face it there's not much more going for it!!!	
NPBB24-123	Please tell me where (illegible handwriting) people can get a safe walk with their dogs. Please don't insult my intelligence by saying dog parks.	
NPBB24-128	Definitely NO. The dog walkers are aware that their dogs must be under effective control and not go past the high tide line which was agreed to in the 2010 (Bylaw). This was a huge consultation in 2010 and included making the estuary dog and vehicle free but not the beaches.	
NPBB24-129	Dogs should allowed under control from the low tide mark to the edge of the sand dunes.	
NPBB24-136	STRONGLY DISAGREE This is overreach and over reaction. The VAST majority of locals who use this for recreation (mental health) have dogs under control - zero added impact to birds etc.	
NPBB24-142	No, there are so many people who have dogs and they need a place to run their dogs which is away from houses and crowds. We only walk our dog in this area as its quieter and safe from the houses.	
NPBB24-143	I frequently walk from a different access to the beach ... walking along the proposed new restricted area. I never walk amongst the sand dunes with my dogs, and we always stay by the beach and along the shoreline. At this end of the beach – especially in the summer – it is far less populated by people, and I believe a safe haven for dogs and their owners. To be honest – I have never seen dogs running through the sand dunes or down by the estuary water side. From someone who walks her dogs every day ... I'm actually amazed this is an issue???? If there is evidence of this ... I believe there should be an enforcement for all dog owners to ensure their dogs are fitted with electronic control. I believe THIS should be a new control/bylaw – not the banning of dog walking within this area. When a dog is trained with an electronic device, they will respond to either a “pulse” or tone” which is omitted. If a dog with a strong “prey instinct” were to pursue any wildlife ... an electronic current can be omitted for the dog to be “zapped” which will then break the mindset of the dog and make it return to its owner. I am aware that these devices are successfully utilised by farmers and various dogs trained within DOC. I utilise a device like this “Sport Dog” and firmly, confidently believe my dogs would not gain the opportunity to stalk wildlife and or to create harm. I purchased one of these devices years ago believing it was the responsible thing to do! A couple of years ago I actually “bumped into” a Ranger within this vicinity and he passed comment that he felt confident with this level of control! I certainly believe a dog owner has responsibilities to fulfil and being an avid lover of wildlife would never want anything but the best for our birdlife within the local area or any location! I do feel that by not allowing dog walkers within this area, you will be penalising many wildlife lovers and natural carers of nature and the environment. I think fisherman with their vehicles create harm!!!! I do believe dogs should be banned from being within the environs of the surf life club during the months/times of it being patrolled. I feel this is a greater risk of “nuisance. Potentially a “Dogs on leads” policy could be incorporated within the surf life club area.	
NPBB24-16	No not at all. Instead of promoting an unenforceable rule, dogs should have to be on a leash in this area.	Six submissions give feedback on the potential alternative or having dogs on leads on the seaward side of the spit.
NPBB24-17	I see no reason to prohibit dogs on leads but free roaming dogs not under control may well cause damage to sensitive nesting sites. No such thing as bad dogs just owners without skills or desire to control them.	
NPBB24-22	If dogs are on a lead I don't see a problem. I'm not a dog owner	
NPBB24-35	Whoever came up with this obviously doesn't have a dog or has lost their beach enjoyment. I have lived in the area for 4 years and walk my dogs on the beach every day. If I choose to walk by dogs near the estuary or near the river mouth then I put them on a lead and I feel like this would have been a better suggestion from the council rather than to ban dogs completely. This country is already so anti dogs, and this is just another case for it. I would have thought banning horses and 4wds from Waikuku beach would be a more comprehensive way of protecting wildlife. Whitebaiters should have to carry their nets to the water ...how about that for protecting the beach.	
NPBB24-48	I disagree, would prefer controlled area or dog on leash. Total prohibition is too extreme for responsible dog owners and will have impact onto community wellbeing	
NPBB24-111	I prefer dogs be allowed on the spit but only on a lead.	
NPBB24-21	If you are going to ban dogs you should ban everyone else as well from this area. Dogs under control do not pose any threat or harm in the tidal zone of the beach.	
NPBB24-52	There needs to be more signage and more enforcement of the rules. Too many dogs off the lead on our beach!	Two submissions request more signage.
NPBB24-117	Though I have empathy with the responsible dog owners and walkers. There are many who are not on a leash. Add more signage maybe.	
NPBB24-69	Vehicles should be banned from this area	Feedback from two submissions re vehicles
NPBB24-126	Would like to see all vehicles prohibited in this area, as they cause more destruction to the estuary.	

NPBB24-37	There has to be a compromise here	Four miscellaneous submissions noted.
NPBB24-34	nesting birds.	
NPBB24-56	Freedom to the beach	
NPBB24-87	Only within the estuary & sand dunes	

Q5. Do you agree with prohibiting fires and fireworks but allow cultural cooking fires and braziers?
Yes – 84 (59%)
No – 43 (30%)
No response – 16 (11%)

Summary: Generally, submissions were supportive of the proposed change. There were 18 submission that requested a ban on all fires including cultural fires and the use of braziers, with comments such as 'a fire is a fire' and a request for more information on why different types of fire should be distinguished. Staff note that the proposed change in the draft Bylaw was developed in collaboration with a representative from FENZ in line with FENZ general guidance. One submission requested Council introduce a permit system. The draft Bylaw allows for exemptions that would be managed by the Council and may require some kind of proof/permit for enforcement purposes.

Submission reference	Submission comments	Staff comment
NPBB24-38	So much yes	Feedback from seven of the submissions received were supportive of the proposed change as it is.
NPBB24-17	Plenty of other areas available. Hopefully fireworks to be banned from private use	
NPBB24-46	Reduce fire risk, and the activity is not necessary.	
NPBB24-95	The last thing we need is a fire down there! However, cultural-based cooking/braziers are important to affirm Māori cultural right, and they are careful and respectful in these undertakings in my experience. Great that exemptions can be applied for appropriate/respectful non-cultural purposes (the surf club mid-winter swim comes to mind) but I hope this is kept to a minimum so as not to give the impression that it is a safe place for fires/cooking	
NPBB24-96	Enough fire danger exists currently that this is probably a good safe idea	
NPBB24-115	Too risky to the habitat.	
NPBB24-130	Totally. Have seen an unattended fire just days ago on the beach. I believe fireworks have started fires in the area in the past.	
NPBB24-14	All fires should be banned from the beach. The winds are always there and there is a forest which could catch on fire. I witnessed a home school group teaching children to start fires in the dunes. When I questioned the wisdom of this action they said " Well they are supervised" I said that doesn't make it right.	There were 18 submissions that gave feedback that all fires including braziers and cultural cooking fires should be prohibited.
NPBB24-19	If banning some fires, all fires should be banned.	
NPBB24-24	All fires should be banned including cultural cooking fires and braziers. There is too much undergrowth that can burn very quickly plus being a windy area this is a recipe for disaster	
NPBB24-37	Any fire on the beach is a danger with the forest so close. Prohibit all fires.	
NPBB24-53	There should be a blanket ban on all fires and fireworks on the beach. The fire risk to the dunes is too great.	
NPBB24-56	A fire is a fire	
NPBB24-63	Either allow fires, or no fires at all. I agree with the firework ban	
NPBB24-70	If one is banned so should the other be. Either both are allowed or none. Fire is fire, poses the same risks whether cultural or not	
NPBB24-73	I'm unaware of particular harm caused by fires on the beach and think that if they are to be prohibited there should definitely be no exceptions for "cultural cooking fires".	
NPBB24-74	It should also include cultural cooking fires and braziers. A fire is a fire.	
NPBB24-80	I think all fires should be banned. Too much risk to public safety by people not being educated / responsible in ensuring this is safely carried out.	
NPBB24-88	No fires at all on the beach!	
NPBB24-90	I feel as though this should encompass all fires or be more clearly defined as to what is exempt.	
NPBB24-108	I agree with prohibiting fire and fireworks full stop. The fire risk to the dunes and pine forests is too great.	
NPBB24-116	No fires should be allowed in this area including cultural cooking fires due to the risk to our native plants and wildlife which are prolific and difficult to re-establish within a short timeframe if there is a fire outbreak.	
NPBB24-122	No fires no matter what reason should be lit at the area concerned.	
NPBB24-125	All fires should be prohibited.	
NPBB24-129	All fires entirely - cultural and braziers.	
NPBB24-138	Provided scope to obtain exemption from Council remains. I do wonder how the permitted use of the exemption is communicated to residents, other beach users?	Cultural cooking fires was raised specifically by feedback on five submissions.
NPBB24-35	Ban cultural cooking. – can't have one rule for one and another rule for someone else!	
NPBB24-41	I thought they were not allowed for safety reasons. I.e. too close to the forest. The exemption means that all you have to do is cook a sausage and it's a cultural cooking fire.	

NPBB24-52	I don't see how a cultural fire is different - should be one rule for all	
NPBB24-76	It needs the Runanga to approve cultural cooking. We would love to cook on the beach but consider this is unsafe and would be very difficult to monitor	
NPBB24-113	Allow cultural cooking and braziers little cookers etc use your brains when using.	
NPBB24-98	AGAIN THIS IS A PEOPLE ISSUE AND SOME PEOPLE SHOULDN'T HAVE FIRES AT ALL.	Submission related to public safety.
NPBB24-31	Only during an open fire season.	Two submissions with restricted seasons feedback.
NPBB24-136	Ban all or allow fires during a very restricted season - whichever it is, erect more signage! Fire is a constant worry over summer.	
NPBB24-120	I do not believe there should be special conditions for different cultures. I feel it creates division in the community.	Three submissions raise concerns that cultural cooking fires are not accessible for all.
NPBB24-118	But cultural fires need to be banned also. Why are they different? This is <u>so</u> racist!	
NPBB24-123	That is purely and simply <u>racist</u> .	
NPBB24-30	I good bonfire on the beach is a kiwi right, what is the problem if it is below the hightide line?	Three submissions recognise fires on the beach as a cultural recreational activity.
NPBB24-55	Fires on beach is OK when there isn't a fire ban, no to fireworks for noise and environmental pollution.	
NPBB24-86	fires on the beach is a kiwi way of life	
NPBB24-126	Fires, cultural cooking fires and braziers on the beach are safe. Fireworks on the other hand cannot be controlled and should not be allowed.	Two submissions consider fires acceptable but fireworks are not acceptable.
NPBB24-50	There needs to be a permit for everyone wanting to light a fire -including cultural cooking fires -the reason you prohibit fires applies to cultural. cooking fires, so no exceptions - we all need to look after our environment.	One submission requested a permit system be introduced.
NPBB24-83	I don't think there is enough information provided as to why this should occur? i.e. is it the fire risk, or the perceived disturbance of birds, or the difficulty in getting fire brigade vehicles there? And how does a cultural cooking fire differ in terms of risk than say a campfire for cooking marshmallows on the beach?	Two submissions provided feedback on the consultation process.
NPBB24-106	This is really two questions. While I agree that fires and fireworks should be prohibited because of the risk of fires there is insufficient information in the explanatory material on why cultural cooking fires and braziers should be allowed to enable me to comment.	More information required on what is allowed.
NPBB24-87	Zero	Miscellaneous feedback from three submissions noted.
NPBB24-117	Not sure how you can enforce this, but our community has a risk of fire spreading through the dry forested belt.	
NPBB24-128	The fishermen were informed by Environment Canterbury that it is illegal to light fires on the beach and that has not been happening.	

Q6. Do you agree with removing the need for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements Trustees?
Yes – 60 (42%)
No – 39 (27%)
No response – 44 (31%)

Summary: The Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016 included a commitment to establish a Fenton Reserve Agreement with the Fenton Reserve Agreement Working Party established to draft the agreement. The draft agreement was prepared in 2018 and has not received sufficient feedback from all parties involved to proceed. This proposed change to the draft 2024 Bylaw has been included to recognise the agreement is unlikely to be approved at present and to re-visit the need for the agreement at the next Bylaw review. The level of 'no response' and associated commentary about not being aware of the background and reason for this change reflects the survey responses. Staff note that this may not have been a suitable consultation point for the wider public and would reflect this in future targeted engagement on the development of the Agreement.

Submission reference	Submission comments	Staff comment
NPBB24-17	No knowledge of these agreements so unable to comment	Staff note the majority of submission comments recognise a lack of understanding of the development of the Fenton Reserve Agreement and the proposed change.
NPBB24-25	Don't have enough information	
NPBB24-30	Unsure	
NPBB24-31	I had not known of such an agreement	
NPBB24-33	Not sure about this. The Fenton Reserve is longstanding and important to the local iwi.	
NPBB24-37	No comment - not familiar with the agreement.	
NPBB24-38	I don't know what this is	
NPBB24-40	What agreement is there with Fenton Reserves Trustees? I think people should have access to gather food keeping away from breeding colonies.	
NPBB24-41	No idea what this is.	
NPBB24-46	Its the general public, who pay the rates, who are entitled to have a say. Organisations need have no special privileges.	
NPBB24-54	Don't know what that is	
NPBB24-55	I don't know much about this so can't comment	
NPBB24-63	I do not know enough about this to comment	
NPBB24-73	The trustees of the Fenton Reserves should be included in consultation but have no decision-making power.	
NPBB24-83	I don't know what this is and the documentation does not seem to explain it.	

NPBB24-85	Don't understand. As New Zealanders we should be able to have access to all areas except with respect to special burial areas etc
NPBB24-87	No idea what this is about
NPBB24-88	If this pertains to Māori input - they should have input in what's happening to the estuary
NPBB24-98	AGAIN THIS IS A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND ALL PEOPLE SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO USE THESE AREAS WITHIN THE LAW STATUTES.
NPBB24-106	I am unable to comment on this as it's not clear in the explanatory material why the proposed removal of the requirement for an agreement with Fenton Reserves/Entitlements trustees.
NPBB24-113	Keep the same.
NPBB24-121	Am non-Māori
NPBB24-123	?
NPBB24-128	Do not understand - they need to be consulted on everything - they should still be invited to the (Advisory Group) meetings so they can read the minutes and comment if required so they have been consulted.
NPBB24-130	I am unable to comment on this.
NPBB24-136	I have no idea - no information contained here as to what the impact of this would be.
NPBB24-138	The lack of engagement from the Trustees is deplorable. It also undermines the effectiveness of the Bylaw if provision for agreement remains. Better to remove this requirement and deal with Trustees proactively if and when they chose to engage.

Q7. Do you agree with including a new clause that acknowledges the Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw?
Yes – 66 (46%)
No – 42 (29%)
No response – 35 (24%)

Summary: The Hurunui District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2015 has a shared boundary with the draft Waimakariri District Council Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024. Feedback in the early engagement highlighted the operational difficulties of two neighbouring councils running similar Bylaws but with different Bylaw rules, for example motorbikes are allowed on Hurunui District beaches but not in the Waimakariri District.

Approximately a quarter of submissions did not respond to this consultation question and submission feedback queried the relevance. However, residents and stakeholders undertaking recreational activities at Ashworths Beach and in the Hurunui District shared feedback about clearly being able to understand what can and can't take place and signage or markers that indicate where the rules change at the boundary between the two districts. Staff note that a member of staff from Hurunui District Council is a member of the Advisory Group to provide operational input and feedback. No feedback has been received from the Hurunui District Council on this consultation.

Submission reference	Submission comments	Staff comment
NPBB24-131	<p>The particular area of interest to our Society in respect to the Waimakariri DC Bylaw review is the area of beach to the south of the MV access to Ashworths Beach as far as the Hurunui DC's southern boundary and also the area of beach within the Waimakariri DC area to the Ashley Rakahuri River mouth zone.</p> <p>MV access to the "Saltwater creek" area mentioned in Waimakariri DC proposed draft bylaw is only possible via the road past the "Better Half Café" at Ashworths Beach and then along the beach in the Hurunui DC Bylaw zone and through the Waimakariri DC (WDC) zone, about 1.2 kms from the access point. The current position is that while motor bikes and 4WDs on a "tiki tour" are legal in the Hurunui DC bylaw area when they cross over into the WDC Bylaw zone they are not. There are, however, no markers or signage of any description (see Photo 2) to show the change of local authority, or that different rules apply from the HDC area.</p> <p>The main theme of our submission is that if the Waimakariri DC has different rules from the HDC it needs to make these clearly known by signage and markers and be prepared to have an education/ enforcement process.</p> <p>Many Hurunui DC residents from the Leithfield area travel down along the beach to the north bank of the Ashley River mouth for fishing or whitebaiting and are impacted by the provisions of the WDC Bylaw. Also, as both the CCC and Waimakariri DC have banned motorcycles on their beaches a number of motorcycle riders from Christchurch and Rangiora etc now visit the Hurunui DC area for recreational riding and often ride in the dune areas causing damage. As has been said birds are not aware of Council boundaries!</p> <p>This whole area has high biodiversity values with many bird species and rare native plants at risk from MV intrusion, yet there is no signage anywhere in this Waimakariri DC area advising of its bylaw requirements and that these have changed from the Hurunui DC at the Council boundaries. Hurunui DC signage at the Ashworths Beach entrance is solely directed to its own Bylaw requirements.</p> <p>The HDC is due to review its Bylaw in July 2025, but the content of any new Bylaw cannot be assumed at this stage. Hence, we feel our suggestion regarding markers and signage are still valid.</p>	<p>Northern Pegasus Bay (Hurunui) Coastcare Inc are advocating to both Councils on their Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaws.</p> <p>Staff will review possible markers at the district boundary the beach and signage at the Ashworths Beach entrance as part of the Implementation Plan.</p>

NPBB24-17	Having read the bylaw it seems to allow a sensible balance between user freedom to enjoy our beaches with protecting valuable natural environment. No bylaw from the Hurunui council to ban microlights from landing on the beach yet.	Feedback from 10 submissions is supportive of this addition to the draft Bylaw.
NPBB24-40	keep it simple!	
NPBB24-46	Effectiveness is increased.	
NPBB24-76	Makes sense	
NPBB24-81	As long as the Hurunui bylaw also restricts dog access to the estuary from the north	
NPBB24-98	AS LONG AS THE HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL DOESN'T RESTRICTIVELY CHANGE THEIR BYLAWYS/RULES	
NPBB24-106	It's not clear what the reason is for this provision. It seems like a 'nothingness' provision as it presumably would have no legal force.	
NPBB24-128	When the Hurunui District Council does their review, we need to be involved.	
NPBB24-130	Both Hurunui and Waimak council need to work together regarding policing rules and informative signage.	
NPBB24-138	Definitely. HDC governs the area immediately adjacent to Bylaw so out of respect and for pragmatic operations appropriate. I also note HDC active engagement with Bylaw is commendable.	
NPBB24-25	Don't have enough information	
NPBB24-55	I don't know much about this so can't comment	
NPBB24-87	Not up to date with the by law	
NPBB24-136	I don't have the information to support this either way.	
NPBB24-23	Not rate payers	
NPBB24-37	No comment.	
NPBB24-88	Where is this even addressed to understand what this means?	
NPBB24-119	Is it really required? Who benefits and what advantage is there for whom?	
NPBB24-122	Keep them separate	
NPBB24-123	What is the Hurunui District's plans?	
NPBB24-113	?	
NPBB24-125	?	
NPBB24-129	?	

Do you have any overall concerns and or feedback you would like to add?

Summary: Many of the general comments re-emphasise previous comments about proposed changes, most specifically the extension of the dog prohibited area. The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) have made a written submission to be recognised in the exemption clauses temporary military training activities. Where comments have been made in the overall concerns section that can be related to one or more of the proposed changes staff have checked that they have feedback in the appropriate section.

Submission reference	Submission comments
NPBB24-17	Please get the fine balance right between restricting our freedoms to enjoy our beautiful country and the need to protect it. Rules cannot replace personal responsibility and care. Thank you for all the time and effort your team puts into this project.
NPBB24-76	There are increasing pressures of use on this area as close population increases. The bylaw needs to be strong and monitored. You need to take account of the fact that many beach users may not actively engage verses a few dog owners advocating for access to the estuary and spit. We noted at Bethells Beach/Te Henga (West Auckland) they had clear signage and active, friendly rangers explaining the restrictions on dogs in breeding areas and otherwise to keep dogs on leash. The proposed bylaw will need good, clear signs and strong implementation.
NPBB24-84	I am pleased WDC is addressing dog issues. The population of dogs has increased dramatically. There are hundreds of beach areas that do not prevent dog owners from taking pets. The Ashley Rakahuri estuary is a natural home for many bird species. There is nothing natural about the presence of dogs. Let's protect this environment for the species that have been there for centuries.
NPBB24-90	I strongly support most of these changes. We need to walk the walk when it comes to protecting our natural spaces and native species.
NPBB24-14	There will always be people who do not obey the rules. As a responsible dog owner why should I and my dog be refused our quiet enjoyment to walk the beach together. Perhaps a seasonal ban on all activities should be implemented when the birds are nesting and more signage informing people of the potential negative effects of their dogs' activities. Or state dogs must be leashed in that area.
NPBB24-27	As responsible dog owners who walk regularly along the beachfront to the Ashley River Mouth we believe that all dogs be allowed to continue to do this within 50 metres of the high tide mark. As long as the owners clean up after their dog & dog is under control.
NPBB24-41	Re the dog proposal: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The current bylaw is a sensible BALANCE between people's rights and bird rights. This proposal is a step too far. 2. The proposal has the potential to create conflict as humans and their dogs are forced to walk south from the northern carpark. After a short walk they will be crossing the area in front of the surf club. 3. People have cultural rights which must be respected. People come from wide and far to Waikuku as a special destination to walk with their human and canine friends.

	<p>4. Banning things is a very blunt instrument. The council should work harder to find better options. This is taking an easy option to be seen to be doing something rather than addressing the major causes that impact the birds. Cats. rats. Gills. Falcons etc.</p> <p>5. Some of the information presented at the meeting is not factual or relates to other areas. Proposal Must be based on proven facts not observations and hear say.</p> <p>How many of the complaints about dogs recorded in the Waimak relate to birds. Using complaints against dogs as a reason the ban them from the spit when they complaints are unrelated to birds is ridiculous.</p>
NPBB24-51	Yes. Don't limit dog access any more than it already is!
NPBB24-65	There is no need to prohibit dogs from beach, as there no risks posed by their presence in that particular area. They are prohibited from the estuary due to the wildlife present there, and that is respected by dog owners but the restrictions on the beach is not supported by evidence or any reasonable cause.
NPBB24-67	I would like to acknowledge that you have afforded us our democratic right to contribute our constructive voice to any conversation, irrespective of the kaupapa. The changes in relation to dogs being on our beach within the low tide area outlined on the map will be passed to the detriment of our community health, wellbeing and spirit.
NPBB24-70	Very very upset with the proposal to ban dogs completely from the beach.
NPBB24-72	Could there be a fine for anybody leaving their dog poo on the beach or anywhere? Could there be more signs urging dog owners to pick up their dog poo?
NPBB24-77	Overall great. Just concerned about not being able to walk the dogs along the beach side of the spit.
NPBB24-83	<p>I am very concerned that by proposing banning dogs from the beach area from the carpark to the Spit, the Council is not considering the distinct lack of evidence that dogs are causing any issue on the beach, and instead is acquiescing to the emotive based views of a minority of bird advocates.</p> <p>Being a bird lover and a dog owner are not mutually exclusive and in all my years of walking down the beach I have watched dog owners keep their dogs away from birds and other marine life without exception. This tells me that any issue is both isolated and exceptional. And that's where education and signage will provide a better outcome, as rather than dividing a community as a ban would do it will bring the community along together.</p> <p>SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RECEIVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •It is important to understand that a collection of photos does not in itself represent evidence. It is my direct experience that I have never witnessed an issue between dogs and birds on the beach north of the carpark despite me having walked down there each weekend for a quarter of a century. The group of photos in the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group submission report serves to suggest that there are many many dogs down there chasing birds. There categorically are not... At least one of the photos of dogs on the beach in the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group submission report has been around a long time, I'm concerned that more may also be. If, for example the photos are old and relate to isolated incidences in the past, it is not even remotely possible to assume that there is an issue today. In addition, it is now easy to doctor images using AI to reinforce a point. •The Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group submission report highlights resting and nesting areas and hypothecates that birds in the dunes and the spit are adversely affected by dogs. The report attempts to present evidence that banded dotterel nests have been abandoned because of dogs, however, it is more likely that the nesting site close to the beach carpark was abandoned because of people walking in the dunes. In my experience dogs don't naturally head for the dunes there, they stay on the beach and much prefer it. People however frequently walk through the dunes. Similarly, the other abandoned nesting sites are more likely to have been abandoned because of the changing river mouth and the tidal/ wave action further down toward the spit. If you frequent the area, you will be aware that the river mouth has shifted a long way north over the past few years, and as well high tides and severe wave action have at various times completely inundated the sand spit area. Both these events will have likely compromised nesting sites. As an example of the river mouth moving, in the past 3 weeks the river mouth has moved north by around 200m. •We have recently returned from a short break in Wellington. 3 days in a row we walked down the beach at Owhiro Bay to the seal colony which is about 35 minutes walk from the information centre/ carpark. The beginning of walk is clearly signed as a Marine Reserve and there are also signs that dogs must be on leads. On each of the three days we walked there we saw many dogs and not one was on a lead. I talked to a local who lived in one of the baches by the seal colony and he said there is a bylaw and DOC rangers come down there but that they don't police the dogs unless they see a dog seeing something that it shouldn't be. They accept that most dogs don't actually do any damage and that most owners are responsible. It's a perfect example of a of a bylaw being a complete waste of time and it being better to educate to ensure that owners are responsible for their dogs and ensure that their dogs are acting appropriately. •Today I walked down the beach and counted just 12 black backed gulls (the black backed gulls that Rivercare wants controlled), and 6 Oystercatchers along the whole stretch of beach. Thiis is completely normal. The beach area was about 30-40m from ocean to dune and there was no likelihood at all of a dog on the beach going near the dunes. Walking along the beach if the blackback gulls were disturbed then they simply flew into the air and either flew 20 or so metres ahead or flew behind. Same with the oystercatchers, except that they didn't fly. All were in the water and just walked further forward, or walked behind. Both types of birds were completely unaffected and showed no sign of stress at all. At the spit there were hundreds of birds on the estuary side of the spit and 6 Black back gulls on the beach side. And that's the thing if dogs are prohibited from the estuary then it should include the estuary side of the spit because that's where the birds congregate, not on the beach side. And the birds on the estuary side of the spit are completely oblivious to any dogs on the beach side because they are so far away. •I'd like to call out the fallacy that I've heard council staff mention in relation to the proposed ban of dogs. This fallacy is that there are tens of kms of beaches that people can walk their dogs down instead of the northern beach. If a dog walker is to come out onto the beach from the northern carpark and turn right instead of left they are automatically on a populated piece of beach. And then technically, according the existing bylaw a dog walked can't actually walk past the surf club because of the 50m rule. That's further than the surf club to the ocean. Past the surf club it becomes even more worrisome to walk dogs freely because horses now come all the way up the beach to Waikuku and go all the way down the beach to Pines Beach. And its actually worse than that because there is a mix of pleasure horse riders, many of whom who are novices, riding and highly strung racehorses being trained. The horses and dogs simply don't mix and there have been many serious injuries and close calls at the beach because of this. So, the reality is that there aren't tens of kms of beaches to walk a dog on at all. Many dogs also don't interact well with other dogs or people they don't know so forcing them into a constrained space is asking for problems which the Council will have to deal with. <p>To close, I have some questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the issue with dogs a perception one based more on emotion rather than actual fact/ evidence? To many of us this would seem to be the case. 2. Why don't the Council look closely at the management recommendations in the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group submission report and adopt those to see if they are ultimately effective?

	<p>3. Why, when the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group submission report does not call for a ban on dogs on the beach are the Council proposing one? Sure they would probably happily jump on that band wagon, but they have not actually asked for dogs to be banned so how is it that the Council is even proposing it?</p> <p>4. Shouldn't the Council try and enforce its existing bylaws before changing them. For instance, there are still 4wds hurtling down the beach at 80km/h. There are dozens of motor bikers and 4wders that hoon around the riverbed/ estuary area with no repercussion at all. The riverbed and estuary area are where the majority of nesting areas are, not on the northern beach, and yet it goes on unabated. Is it that dog walkers are an easier target perhaps? Maybe the Council figure they are likely to be less aggressive, or more compliant and then it can be publicised as a success, while the real problems go unaddressed.</p> <p>5. Shouldn't the Council concentrate on things like storm water in the Waikuku area instead of banning dogs that are causing no problem on the northern beach. There is a massive stormwater issue that has been caused by the Council's negligence in not ensuring that Pegasus's stormwater was properly dealt with. The Taranaki stream is at least 40cm higher than it was pre-Pegasus at all times and when there is high rainfall it is too high to allow the stormwater from Waikuku into it. And there's addition of Northside Country and now consent has been given to a new subdivision on Gressons Rd. Presumably the stormwater from the Gressons Rd subdivision will go into the nearby stream which is a tributary of the Taranaki. These are the critical things the Council should be addressing in preference to banning dogs from the beach because climate change is making weather events less predictable and if there is a really high rainfall event the Council will have consented a whole lot of subdivisions which will have knowingly caused Waikuku to be inundated, when it wouldn't have been prior..</p> <p>6. Finally I'd like to ask the Council to consider wellbeing. If the Council goes ahead with the proposed ban, it will divide the Waikuku community. There is literally that strength of feeling, and it actually goes beyond Waikuku as a lot of people from Rangiora, Woodend and Kaiapoi come to the beach to walk their dogs. And people being out on the beach is good for their wellbeing, people being out on the beach with their dogs is good for the wellbeing of the person and the dog. As the region faces population pressures it is important that the Council doesn't just ban activities, preventing people from enjoying, relaxing, recharging, it's important that it uses innovative ways to approach issues that don't restrict people's freedom but instead enables it. This is why signage and education are so important in relation to this issue, as people would be asked taught about the issue and asked to respect the birds while still being able to enjoy the freedom of the beach with their dogs.</p> <p>One last point. The Council could implement geo fencing to text reminder messages to mobile phones that enter the restricted areas. Ie a message could be sent to anyone entering the estuary area that dogs are prohibited, heck it could even give a reason why. A similar thing could be done at the spit and possibly the dunes ie at the spit it could say something like you've entered a bird sanctuary area please ensure that your dogs are at least 30m away from any resting birds or whatever.</p> <p>There might need to be a legal view got in relation to privacy but I'm not sure it would be a problem because the Council would not have to know anything about the owner of the device, just that the device had entered the area. I do quite a lot of work in the technology space so if you need a feasibility study done, or a piece of scoping work I'd happily do it.</p>
NPBB24-95	The dog ban extension will need teeth-policing/prosecutions for people to take it seriously imho (<i>in my humble opinion</i>)
NPBB24-98	OUR DOGS, AS WITH OTHER FAMILIES ARE PART OF OUR FAMILY AND ENJOY A DAY AT THE BEACH PLAYING, SWIMMING AND EXERCISING WITH US. IN FACT, QUITE OFTEN IT IS OTHER PEOPLE'S CHILDREN WHO FRUSTRATE BEACH USERS AND NOT OUR DOGS. WALKING FROM WAIKUKU CAR PARK TO MOUTH OF THE ASHLEY RIVER IS SUPERB FOR MEETING AND WALKING WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND OUR ASSOCIATED DOGS.
NPBB24-101	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strongly disagree on exhibiting dogs on the beach. - Why take away Freedom? - What is the change recently to show that dogs are the problem? - Is this bylaw to keep everyone at home?
NPBB24-102	Not enough data to make this decision. Destruction by pests and vehicles pose a greater threat to bird life than dogs walking at the beach.
NPBB24-113	Fast tracking something like this doesn't work. Most local beach users are not aware of the Waimakariri District Council intention to ban dogs from the spit. Dogs run between low tide and high tide with their owners because it's easier walking. Consultation by WDC has not been great (especially for those without computers). The beach is for everyone and has been for generations. Spiritually, recreation, kai gathering etc.
NPBB24-118	DO NOT ban dogs at beach or Waikuku will become Boganville again cos no-one will live here apart from meth users and dole bludgers. How about banning horses who leave steaming heaps of poo everywhere + its disgusting. OR god forbid, get the owners to shovel it up EVERYTIME = like the dog people pick up their dog poo!!!
NPBB24-122	I fish the river mouth regularly and enjoy the freedom we have. I realise it's a very small minority that ruin the area for everyone. The area is generally "self-policed" by fishermen/women. In the 30 years of fishing, I have never had issues with dogs attacking animals. I do believe the sand dunes need protecting but I feel maybe we should be fining the people that are doing the damage as well as more educating them.
NPBB24-124	I am very concerned about the increasing numbers of dogs on the beach, and particularly in the areas where birds congregate. I don't know how to enforce this - people with aggressive dogs, appear to me, from experience, to be people with attitude problems. The council must enforce the dogs on leashes by-law but I know how difficult this is. Dog owners don't seem to feel that they must obey the law. Signage is important but is ignored by most. Good luck!!
NPBB24-136	From the 12th June meeting at the Waikuku Beach Hall, a vocal group of locals are VERY upset at the prospect of banning dogs from the sea-ward side of the estuary. I've walked that for over 30 years and have witnessed ZERO evidence of birds nesting in the impacted area. It would be an absolute shame if a significant proportion of people who love and respect this beautiful taonga cannot walk their dogs there any longer.
NPBB24-114	<p>The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) wishes to comment on the draft Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024, as follows.</p> <p>NZDF supports the specific exemption for NZDF vehicles driving on beaches providing permission is first obtained from an authorised officer (clause 17.3(d)), however, requests specific reference to temporary military training activities as follows (requested amendments underlined):</p> <p><i>17.3 (d) - by or on behalf of the Council, Environment Canterbury, a government agency, the New Zealand Police, the New Zealand Fire Service, the New Zealand St. Johns Ambulance Service, the New Zealand Defence Force, the Canterbury Surf Lifesaving Association or a surf lifesaving club, the New Zealand Coastguard or an approved 4WD club, for the undertaking of civil defence, police, medical, temporary military training activities, rescue or firefighting training.</i></p>

NPBB24-08	<p>Vehicles accounted for the highest proportion of Bylaw related issues (21%).</p> <p>Of the 75 comments from respondents most were related to vehicles in prohibited areas and vehicles driving at speed on the beach. It seems very strange that your survey results have vehicles as the biggest problem on beaches & yet nothing in the bylaw review to address concerns. There is a clause added to protect the foreshore & estuary which is great and the bylaw talks about the dunes & planting, but if vehicles continue to drive through the dunes and speed along the beach, how is that helping the environment let alone the safety of other beach users. Walkers & dog walkers being in the highest percentage of beach users.</p> <p>At the Pines drop-in session we heard about swimmers unable to safely exit the water due to 4WD's driving very closely in convoy along the beach. Most people at the drop-in session cited driver behaviour as their number 1 concern, followed by litter & dogs. I can't understand why the biggest problem on our beaches is being ignored by the bylaw review. Why not implement a trial of no vehicles on the beach during the summer school holidays. It doesn't prevent people doing what they enjoy as they can walk from the car park to the beach.</p>
NPBB24-46	<p>If you are going to ban 2-wheel motorbikes, why not ban 4 wheelers and horses as well? They all create noise and disturbance.</p>
NPBB24-47	<p>I support the ban on vehicles on the beach above the high tide mark. As a swimmer of the beach, I have come very close to being run over by vehicles when sitting at the start of the dunes. They are very dangerous. I object to having to look both ways down the beach before entering the water!!</p>
NPBB24-53	<p>The destruction caused by four-wheel drives on the nesting side of the estuary is a massive concern to me. Year after year nesting birds, their eggs and chicks are decimated by mindless drivers in this area who cause so much damage and rubbish dumping in this area. This area seems to be a lawless part of the estuary as it is mainly unseen and unmanned by WDC. It is a far more fragile ecological part of the estuary on this side of the dunes than the beach.</p>
NPBB24-55	<p>Vehicles along the beach and estuary do a lot more damage and cause more inconvenience for people than dogs do.</p>
NPBB24-56	<p>Four-wheel drives should be band on the beach not dog</p>
NPBB24-73	<p>I live nearby and use the beach every day, sometimes several times a day. I have observed minor problems with litter and seen motorbikes in prohibited areas. I have never had difficulty with dogs, horses or their owners. The main problem is vehicles driving too fast and without care for other beach users.</p>
NPBB24-105	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More signage + awareness. Ban 4WD + motorbikes from riverbed as they have a destructive impact on birds/nesting birds. - Increase trapping + monitoring of destructive pests rather than pointing finger at dogs. i.e. cats, rats, stoats, possums, rabbits, hedgehogs are very prevalent. - Dogs and horses don't mix. Will be chaos in summer. - Restricting to small area on beach will cause problems with summertime swimmers too much congestion north of surf club.
NPBB24-108	<p>I feel very strongly about protecting our foreshores and estuarine areas but do not see how banning dogs from the beach side of the saltwater creek spit will help this.</p> <p>Four-wheel drives in the estuary cause years' worth of damage in one drive I think the council should spend more time policing the estuary and create more robust barriers preventing vehicles in this area.</p>
NPBB24-115	<p>We value the uniqueness of this specific area. There is a great need to do more to protect the diverse range of bird life.</p> <p>Quad bike tyres on the low tide estuary today, show a big circle track not direct A to B, driving marking the vegetation. 4WD tracks above high tide marks enroute to the river mouth.</p>
NPBB24-126	<p>There is no need for vehicles to be allowed on beach or sand dunes with exception of emergency vehicles and surf life savers. By vehicles, I also mean quad bikes, motorbikes, 4WD, beach buggies etc. Most of these driven around Waikuku are also unregistered and do not observe the speed limits. These vehicles (quad bikes, motorbikes, 4WD, beach buggies etc.) have also been driving through the forest and dunes - causing havoc with the fragile eco system. Controlled dogs and humans do not cause this kind of destruction to the environment.</p>
NPBB24-16	<p>The Ashley Rakahuri River estuary and beach area is one of the natural jewels of the Waimakariri District. The bird life that exists in this area is of enormous significance.</p> <p>This area is also the 'commons' for the people that are able to appreciate such natural places.</p> <p>Over the years actions by locals and the WDC has meant bird life and quality of the beach experience for people has improved immensely.</p> <p>It is however disappointing to see that the allowance and tolerance for game hunting of birds in this area remains unchallenged.</p> <p>Allowing game hunting of birds in the Ashley Rakahuri estuary is an anomaly in this Bylaw which purports to enhance the region.</p> <p>We do not believe that the loud intrusive activity of game hunting of birds along with the erection of private mai mai in the estuary is currently compatible with a natural wildlife area that is effectively a 'commons' to the people who recreate more peacefully there. This activity is also within very close proximity of housing and where children, families and many well-balanced dogs reside.</p>
NPBB24-20	<p>Allowing access for harvesting kai, including waterfowl hunting, whitebaiting and other activities is an important cultural value. Allowing gamebird hunters to use dogs is needed to keep people connected to the whenua by preserving these mahinga kai traditions</p>
NPBB24-23	<p>Am a retired Scientist with expertise in bird behaviour and see no reason to ban aircraft landing on the beaches away from any bird habitat. Unfortunately, away overseas at this time. (see attachment TRIM 240621101333)</p> <p>Science is all about having the ability to observe and gain data to get evidence of an issue.</p> <p>In the 14 Years researching bird behaviour due to conflicts to mankind we developed a management tool to reduce bird strike at airports and issues at recreational grounds around the world. The data collected convinced industry to invest. A product under the patented name "Avenex" is now an industry standard. This would not have happened without data and rigorous literature reviews on bird habitat and behaviour.</p> <p>In this Northern Pegasus Bylaw Review I see no data or new evidence that birds are being disturbed off the beaches at low or even high tide. On my walks observing foot and paw prints I very rarely see bird tracks. The occasional sea gull but never godwits, wrybill, plover, dotterel, or other estuary birds. These birds feed on cockles, pipi, crabs, insects, and sea worms found in the estuary not on beaches, as their food source is very limited on dry or even compacted wet sand. Birds must constantly forage for food and do not waste time looking in areas with limited resources to meet their needs. Birds feed mostly at dawn and dusk not during the day when people are about enjoying the opportunity to exercise their animals. However insectivorous, herbivorous, and omnivorous birds will take the opportunity to feed in open areas such as large paddocks when feed is abundant. Estuary birds are never seen in these large open spaces other than the Australian Plover now becoming a pest in this country.</p> <p>I am in my retirement a keen walker pilot and fisherman. I find it extraordinary that this review is taking place at all. The very reason that many people enjoy this country would be constrained should present recommendations be upheld. Flying and landing about 2 kilometres North of the Ashley mouth at low tide away from any bird life is not disturbing any birds.</p>

	I am on my return happy to submit many papers collected on bird behaviour and would love to be involved in data capture to better understand issues of bird disturbance in this estuary area.
NPBB24-82	The birdlife of the Ashley River and the estuary are in need of help. Some species of bird are declining towards extinction and all steps should be taken to reverse this. The estuary may be loved by those who live there but it is equally loved by others who visit it to enjoy its wildlife and other values. Protecting birds on the spit from dogs seems a small price to pay to protect these values long-term in the face of a growing population.
NPBB24-88	If you really want to protect the birds -you must address all activities during nesting season - If nesting birds are disturbed by dogs - humans will also disturb. It only makes sense to impose restrictions on entering the area when the birds are at their most vulnerable. Other times of year - fall, winter - all activities should resume - dogs, humans etc.
NPBB24-116	Dogs and vehicles on the beach disturb native birdlife habitats and the environment for our native flora and fauna, they need to be restricted in areas where there are beautiful birds and nature to enjoy. The vehicles cause awful noise pollution and disturb nesting areas and destroy the beach and foreshore. Dogs have other areas, dog parks and other beach areas and reserves to enjoy that don't have wildlife and native birds in their own habitat.
	<p>The area governed by the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw (NPBB) is amazing and enjoyed by many (species) – people walking, swimming etc and other species that live there.</p> <p>There is accepted recognition that the Ashley Rakahuri Estuary and adjacent area is significant as a habitat for a range of threatened (indigenous) birds. There is also mounting evidence that wildlife like those birds is under increasing pressure with growing human population and associated development. This pressure on shared use of the Ashley Rakahuri Estuary will increase further as the population of Waimakariri District grows as forecast and residents across the district enjoy this area.</p> <p>Core to the bylaw is our enjoyment of the area and balancing differing uses including protection of the natural values. The Bylaw has established mechanisms to manage this balance (between those walking and vehicles, dogs), allowing use in some areas but restricting use in other areas where conflict or confusion between user groups could occur.</p> <p>The risk posed by Dogs</p> <p>The nature of conflict with the rare and endangered birds is not fully appreciated – Mauling a bird is not the main risk as disturbance has been shown to have long lasting adverse implications for some of these birds. Dogs are shown to be a common source of serious adverse impact, and good dog owners in my experience do not comprehend that one instance of disturbance by their dogs having fun/ doing what's instinctive can have serious effects. This risk is acknowledged by Council as referred to page 6 of the Let's Talk brochure.</p> <p>It's fair that dogs together with their owners are able to walk and run on beaches in the NPBB area. There are vast areas of beach available to dogs and their owners to roam and run along the beach, dunes and in the water. Under the proposed Bylaw changes dog owners still have vast areas to use and enjoy – they can park at the Northern Waikuku beach car park and turn right when they hit the beach and walk for perhaps 10kms to the south with their dogs off the leash provided they are “under control”. However, to give the birds and other creatures a better shot at life it is proposed that they are denied access to a lesser strip of beach perhaps 2km long and some 200m wide (varies as the Ashely Rakahuri river mouth moves).</p> <p>As I said at the first panel hearing, I do not believe that this additional restriction on dogs/ owners is unreasonable – it's the compromise necessary, and of the nature envisaged from the outset in the NPBB, to allow one user (species of endangered birds) to use and enjoy the area. This is no different in principle than the compromise accepted by Horse trainers to restrict their activity to a defined area. For this same reason vehicle access has been restricted to prevent harmful effect on humans enjoying the beach and vehicle impact on indigenous wildlife.</p> <p>Why should dog owners expect unrestricted access to the entire beach area under the NPB Bylaw? Especially when there is evidence that their enjoyment has an adverse effect on others?</p> <p>There is an expectation that dog owners have their dogs “under control”, and I am often reminded by local dog owners that this is the case all the time that they walk their dogs on the beach. I respectfully suggest this is not correct. There are many that state that ECan and WDC data suggests that there is a low level of dogs not “under control” on the beaches. I beg to differ and offer up a number of points of reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pictures taken by Grant Davey while bird watching in that area where the prohibition is proposed and presented in the recent public consultation. - Incidents reported to Ecan@govt.nz (acknowledging potential significant under reporting of incidents) - Personal observations over the 12 years I have lived at Waikuku beach. - What is a standing joke in the local Waikuku Beach community, which is the stream of Facebook posts by residents looking for the owners of dogs roaming around the village (and hence not “under control”). I attach three such posts logged Friday and Saturday June 21/22. I suggest that if dog owners repeatedly allow dogs to roam (not under control) from their homes it is hard to believe that they will be always under control in the wide-open space offered on the beaches. <p>I assume that the combined estuary plus adjacent beach provides a more viable area for birds to live and prosper, and also simpler to manage and communicate with users including dog owners. The beach naturally runs into the estuary for much of the area northern spit. I personally have encountered dogs and dog owners who have not understood this blurred distinction.</p> <p>I find it impossible to believe that with the evidence on the precarious state of the bird population and growing numbers of users, Council will not look to further restrict dog access to this area (acknowledging that dog owners and other users have large other areas to enjoy). I also believe that the total prohibition is the most robust restriction to administer, monitor and communicate.</p> <p>If Council wishes to restrict further but allow some dog access to the spit, I suggest there are several factors that must be borne in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Absolute minimum level of restriction is prohibition of all Dogs in bird Breeding season - Out of season dogs should be on a lead

	<p>If this approach were adopted, ECan and WDC must provide additional funding from the outset to allow for effective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Monitoring of adherence of the rules o Education of beach users including signage and Ranger engagement <p>Otherwise, I submit that the evidence demands that the risk of the adverse impact of dogs disturbing the birds necessitates that access to the Northern spit must be totally prohibited as per the panels' initial recommendation.</p> <p>Other Issues</p> <p>There are two other anomalies in the current plan which are activities that disturb the birds, and the Panel has recommended restrictive changes that I support:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aircraft - Planes landing on the spit <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. We all know that planes are noisy and move faster than many birds. The current allowance for them to land and practice beach landings is now no longer consistent with the plan objectives given public values. b. I note that there were four planes that had multiple practice landings and then landed to enjoy the scene together in late May. c. At this exact moment (10:21am Saturday 21st) a small plane has just done three practice landings on the northern section of the spit (fly north, drop down to within metres of beach then pull up, turn around and do same again). I note that I can clearly see that there are birds disturbed in this exercise, flying around the plane. 2. Duck shooting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. I concur with the panel recommendation that these people no longer be permitted to use dogs in the estuary b. PLUS: Its logical and appropriate now to prohibit duck shooting in the estuary – shooting must disturb the birds, and there is demand for sources of disturbance to be reduced. Disturbance even outside of breeding season is not consistent with the purpose of the bylaw. c. The small number of users over the years means no real loss of rights (one person shooting at this moment, Sunday 23rd 8am. Second shooter I've heard this year) <p>In Summary</p> <p>The stunning beaches and estuary covered by the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw are enjoyed by many and are almost universally seen as precious. There are now a small number of inconsistencies' that are correctly being addressed.</p> <p>Dog owners have vast areas of beach and surrounding space within NPB Bylaw area to enjoy open space with limited interference from others. There are also many other areas of open space adjacent to the Bylaw space that are routinely enjoyed by those dogs and their owners. Endangered bird species do not have that opportunity – they show they can only live in one specific area, most removed from human activity. A relatively small encroachment of dog owners' current rights in one area to further protect endangered species, is in my view reasonable and in keeping with the purpose of the Bylaw.</p> <p>Furthermore, ignoring the issue of conflict between endangered species and human & dog activity is not acceptable. And making a decision based on a small number of dog owners who make assertions without balance, or facts is inconsistent with the purpose of the Bylaw and broader societal expectations.</p> <p>The panel will want to be careful to look through 'loud voices' advocating on issues that are important to them but have broader (and adverse) impacts - We saw that recently here in Waikuku Beach recently with the heated discussion around removal of the Macrocarpa hedge on Park Terrace South. Council stuck with the logical reasoning that shaped their decision and feedback I have received after the decision is uniformly positive on that decision.</p>
<p>NPBB24-139</p>	<p>See written submission TRIM240624102686</p> <p>The concern for the trust is disturbance to the unique bird life claiming the area as home, feeding grounds or a stop-off point on migratory flights. And this protection from disturbance should be paramount irrespective of the hunting season, aircraft training or from residents and visitors exercising their dogs.</p> <p>All these activities disturb bird species many of which are threatened and critically endangered and this is the trust's focus.</p> <p>The trust contends the protection of these species, their nesting sites and feeding grounds – their home - should be the prime aim of this reviewed bylaw long before the area is considered as a beach 'dog park exercise area' or hunting grounds for shooters.</p> <p>Two trustees took the opportunity of attending the council's public meeting at Waikuku Beach on June 12 to hear community views on the proposed bylaw review changes.</p> <p>These trustees were disappointed at the rude and loud interruptions to speakers backgrounding the bylaw and its results to date.</p>

	<p>The level of ignorance displayed by several members of the community about the purpose of the bylaw and the very special nature of the Ashley Rakahuri - Saltwater Creek area where they live and recreate was also disturbing.</p> <p>Trust members are not persuaded by the views expressed by some at the meeting that people and their dogs have some inalienable right to roam wherever they choose irrespective of the unique birdlife in the area.</p> <p>Neither is the trust persuaded that birds will be safe from disturbance when dogs are on a leash or during a breeding season-only ban.</p> <p>In fact the trust's views advocating for a complete and total ban of dogs on the south spit have been strengthened by listening to the views expressed at the meeting.</p> <p>Banning dogs and their owners from the southern spit is all the more essential to protect the area's biodiversity and birdlife, the trust contends.</p> <p>We also note again with disappointment that neither Waimakariri District Council nor Environment Canterbury have increased resources to enforce the provisions of the bylaw in their long-term plans where consistent breaches both from vehicles and dog owners are already noted and the main sources of public complaint.</p> <p>The trust would also like to raise the issue of biosecurity in the area. Panel members will be aware of the world-wide outbreak of avian influenza. While primarily considered a threat to poultry the HPA1 virus caused by the H5N1 subtype is now recorded moving from wild birds to wild mammals both in Antarctica and Australia. The World Health Organisation recorded the first human case of H5N1 avian influenza in Melbourne on May 18, 2024. Only New Zealand and the Pacific Islands still remain free of the disease but arguably the time before the first cases are detected in this country are likely short with migratory birds certainly likely soon to bring the virus to these shores. While a rare occurrence, the H5N1 influenza strain could arguably infect dogs disturbing the nests of birds on the spit and estuarine areas and also spread the infection to other mammals and humans. This is another reason to prohibit dogs from the areas where potentially infected birds could be nesting and feeding.</p>
NPBB24-18	Yes, fire question in survey should be split into 2 questions. Also, very concerned community user groups for aircraft were not consulted before the draft. And no distinction in the initial survey report for aircraft. Was the aircraft metric merged with the vehicle metric?
NPBB24-38	Fireworks need to be banned
NPBB24-91	I believe that prohibiting aircraft from landing on the beach is unwarranted due to the absence of evidence supporting such restrictive measures. I strongly urge the council to reconsider the proposed bylaw amendment in light of factual evidence. I am eager to engage in constructive dialogue to find solutions that effectively balance conservation goals with the recreational needs of aviation fraternity.
NPBB24-111	I note you propose changing the areas where horses are also allowed, and I support that. I would appreciate the council also giving thought to the issue of horse manure in public places, especially these beach and estuary areas.
NPBB24-24	Time to look at a full ban for fishing and whit baiting in the estuary Ashley river and salt water creek catchments
NPBB24-87	<p>Birds have nesting from September to February. These months are when nature can flood the complete estuary!</p> <p>Why should there be a total control?</p> <p>Waikuku Beach is the recipient of Pegasus extreme water flooding impact. What is being done to alleviate this impact on Waikuku Beach environment.</p> <p>What about human pollution?</p>
NPBB24-28	Please put a lot more effort into enforcement of the existing rules. These have been in place for quite some time now and are still being flaunted - particularly motor vehicles on the beach. Perhaps a bit more effort needs to go into signage and education to try to attain greater public awareness.
NPBB24-30	<p>How about actually policing the issues, 4x4s etc driving on the estuary. When these are reported nothing is done also dumping of rubbish on the riverbed. Why not install trail cameras, instead of just banning all the responsible people and dog owners from enjoying the environment they live by.</p> <p>I have lost all respect for the river care group as well as Waimak Council Dan Gordon never delivers anything to the community we have been voicing concerns with drainage for years and it falls on deaf ears, maybe we should ban him from our estuary</p>
NPBB24-85	Noone is going to be able to police the northern end with dog owners behaviour. Weekends are quite bad. People let there dogs go free northern end and have a run hence dog can be all over the place. If they are on leads who is going to make sure that happens. The Northern car park dog sign needs to be bigger and the same for vehicles & motorbikes around this area. Maybe a dog poo bin each end (each carpark) would stop people leaving little blue bags full on the beach or in the bushes. Litter fines mentioned on a billboard would be great too. Signed - Local Resident.
NPBB24-119	Should supply poo bags in dispenser by Waikuku public toilets to encourage to keep beach clean.
NPBB24-129	Whatever bylaw either in place or amended needs to be policed otherwise it's a waste of time.
NPBB24-132	Could there be a law against people not picking up their dog's poo? Could there be a consequence for the dog owners who don't pick up their dog's poo?
NPBB24-06	There is not enough signage at the Southern end of Waikuku Beach which alerts horse riders that they are not to ride north of the horse float carpark. Almost weekly I find myself having to explain to a person on horseback that they're not supposed to be riding on the beach or dunes North of this carpark. The response is "I didn't see a sign" or "where does it say that", quite possibly these people are unable to read, or maybe they are actually unaware of the rules. Also, please try harder to police bogans driving in the Ashley riverbed on the first Saturday of December.
NPBB24-07	Please can we have better signage for the horse people to try and reduce the number of times they come galloping past small children and families enjoying the beach down from Kiwi and Broadway Streets. Many claim they didn't know they had passed the track to the horse car park or claim they didn't know horses are not allowed north of their car park. When they come up the walking track to Broadway (how could you get it mixed up with the horse track I have no idea. One has a seat for one thing!!) they ruin the track and run the risk of meeting unsuspecting dogs.
NPBB24-11	Anything on the estuary frightening the birds is of concern to us. We would like to see more signage on estuary and Salt Water Creek, main road entry, regarding speed limits of water craft.
NPBB24-120	I have been using the beach for 28 years. It seems to me it's only the very few that ruin the area for others, more often than not they are not locals. Maybe monitoring could be increased and education for those that do visit the area.

NPBB24-22	I don't agree with land yachts being prohibited from this section either or horses. I think they are all very low impact and there is no evidence in survey beach users including myself have a problem with them. The northern spit in particular would be a very nice and safe spot to practice land sailing.
NPBB24-128	The Ashley Fisherman Association pride themselves on the efforts they have contributed to the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw since 2008 and in most cases all our members plus other fishermen have obeyed the rules on the beach and foreshore. We are happy to have access so everyone can enjoy their fishing especially in retirement. Whitebaiting and fishing with your dog is a great retirement hobby. The consultation in 2010 was a package that included everyone who was a beach user and the birds.
NPBB24-03	Vehicle access via Ashworths Road - should still be allowed access for recreation purposes
NPBB24-130	I am pretty much a daily user of Ashworths Beach, between Leithfield Beach and the Ashley River/Saltwater Creek mouths. This beach is named after my ancestors who are Ashworths and have a huge part in settling and farming in the area. One of them introduced marrum grass into the area for erosion control. Over the generations we have all used the area for swimming, walking, and fishing and continue to do so. Over the years I have seen more and more damage to the area and increased disrespect for the dunes, vegetation and wildlife. Usually every time I am at the beach I see more people blatantly flouting rules about vehicle use. Speeding and driving up and down the dunes. There has been an increase in off road buggies that arrive on trailers. These travel at high speeds through the dunes and lagoon areas. Often quite a few in convoy. In doing this they are endangering plant life, animals and recreational beach users. Signage at the entrance to the beach is pretty insignificant. There was a large sign that was destroyed by fire and its replacement took a couple of years to get put up. At some stage both lagoons (one to the north and one south of beach access) have been fenced off, there was also a fence along beach access track and a pedestrian walkway formed. Unsure where the money came from to do this. The walkway was a waste of time and money as it was never used and is now completely overgrown. The fences around the lagoons have worked well allowing no vehicle access to these areas. Policing and signage does not appear to be working. A simple solution would be to fence off dune and estuary areas. This would protect native plantings, the dunes, birdlife from damage. The cost would save money spent on policing. Just a simple fence same as round lagoons. This fence would protect dunes, native vegetation plantings and also wildlife, white spoonbills etc. The speed limits for vehicles are a problem also. Clear bold signage is needed. Is a reporting of incidents available? Then if someone see's dangerous or banned activities it can be reported. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns. Long time local and regular beach user.
NPBB24-134	The Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board notes the complexity of this area with the fragmented responsibility between Environment Canterbury, Waimakariri District Council, Hurunui District Council and the Te Kohaka o Tūhaitara Trust all contributing to the protection of the area. Add to this the private groups also working on protecting nesting birds which gives rise to confusion and allows individual to circumvent the rules. This shared responsibility hampers clear and consistent messaging and often causes confusion for both the public and the partner authorities/groups. The Board believes that a clear management plan, especially for the estuary, should be developed.
NPBB24-135	The Woodend-Sefton Community Board submitted on the review of the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw (see previous submission attached) and after further discussion have agreed that the Board strongly supports the proposed changes and reiterates its thoughts included in its original submission. The Board congratulates the staff for a very well run submission process, ensuring a wide range of responses being received. The Board thanks the Council for the opportunity to provide input into this process.
NPBB24-26	I am really disappointed that key stakeholders like Aviation Clubs and pilots at Rangiora were not consulted prior to the proposed changes being offered for public consultation on the extension of the prohibited landing area. This is a radical proposed change that doesn't seem to be based any evidence. Please don't make unnecessary changes that reduce the enjoyment of the area for citizens.
NPBB24-25	Not happy with Yes / No being the only option. You have given some background on some of the questions but no information about the consequences of the choices.
NPBB24-80	I have concerns that this survey would've reached everyone who is interested in submitting feedback.
NPBB24-117	It was good to have community meetings, to enable open discussion and air concerns. Many locals want to protect and preserve our environment, but not everyone wants to give up what they perceive as their entitlement!
NPBB24-123	* Why is this being done without EVERYONE in the district being supplied with a copy of this document. * Why do you in your arrogance assume everyone has a computer and internet. * Where are the maps that this documents allude to? * I believe all this dog, plane, vehicle usage of the area is being driven by a very small number of people judging by the number of usage I see when fishing and whitebaiting. * Also is it about OUR beaches.
NPBB24-75	I feel very strongly that Māori have privileges over white people, i.e., white baiting season extension for Māori. It is so so racist under the guise of 'culture' - one rule for all would stop the hatred that has crept in around here over last few years.
NPBB24-33	It is time for some 21st century environmental attitudes regarding the Ashley estuary.
NPBB24-34	A wholistic view is required to maintain and improve Ashley Rakahuri Estuary. Pope Francis Laudato Si encyclical calls us to care for the earth and care for the poor. Where our earth is being degraded, there also will be poverty. I am happy to discuss this further if necessary, however outside the parameters of the submission.
NPBB24-35	What is the council up to? Where's the plan to stop erosion? where's the strategic planting? What is your plan to protect the beach communities? Plant trees and stop horses and vehicles ruining the sand dunes! Cummon guys..give your dog a cuddle and a beach walk

NPBB24-37	<p>More consultation with unexpected works - e.g. viewing platform.</p> <p>Toilets badly need an upgrade - when will this happen - money better spent here than platforms.</p> <p>Does climate change come into the way birds change migratory patterns?</p>
NPBB24-141	<p>Yes. I don't agree with the money that is being spent on trying to build a "wheelchair ramp" south of the (Waikuku) surf club. Within 12 months this will be covered in sand! Also cannot see handicapped using it. No thought has been put into this! And no consultation before it started with anybody!</p>
NPBB24-40	<p>Public apathy which the council then takes advantage of. Whether or not the final decision is done democratically for the good of everybody.</p>
NPBB24-21	<p>My rates have gone up from \$500 when I first moved to Waikuku to \$6000 now. And to think that this council is spending money on things that do not need changing, instead of fixing things that do need fixing.</p>
NPBB24-96	<p>No</p>
NPBB24-100	<p>Let the residents and visitors enjoy life. Birds do not pay tax.</p>