



2018 REVIEW OF VARIOUS BYLAWS AND POLICY ON DOGS

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From: Council
Sent: Friday, 15 June 2018 3:05 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Form submission from: Submission Form: Various Bylaws and Policy on Dogs

New submission on the Various Bylaws and Policy on Dogs

Submitted on Friday, June 15, 2018 - 15:04

Submitted values are:

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Which Bylaw / Policy are you commenting on in this form? Dog Control Bylaw
Submission: I oppose the proposal
My submission is:
Submission

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Diane Maitland

From: Council
Sent: Friday, 15 June 2018 10:33 AM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Form submission from: Submission Form: Various Bylaws and Policy on Dogs

New submission on the Various Bylaws and Policy on Dogs

Submitted on Friday, June 15, 2018 - 10:32

Submitted values are:

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Submission: I oppose the proposal

My submission is:

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Subject: Form submission from: Submission Form: Various Bylaws and Policy on Dogs

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 Organisation (if applicable):
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 Which Bylaw / Policy are you commenting on in this form? Dog Control Policy
 Submission: I oppose the proposal
 My submission is:

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Subject: Form submission from: Submission Form: Various Bylaws and Policy on Dogs

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Submitted on Friday, June 15, 2018 - 00:00

Submitted values are:

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Which Bylaw / Policy are you commenting on in this form? Dog Control Bylaw

Submission: I oppose the proposal

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From: Council
Sent: Thursday, 17 May 2018 3:20 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Form submission from: Submission Form: Various Bylaws and Policy on Dogs

New submission on the Various Bylaws and Policy on Dogs

Submitted on Thursday, May 17, 2018 - 15:19

Submitted values are:

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Which Bylaw / Policy are you commenting on in this form? Speed Limits Bylaw

Submission: I have mixed views of the proposal My submission is:

I don't really oppose the proposal in general but I strongly believe that the open speed limit for Havill Drive, Awatuna needs to be changed to a 70km/h or 80km/h speed limited. People living on Havill Drive frequently use the road for walking, running, dog walking, cycling, horse riding as well as kids playing on it. 100km/h speed limit is way too high for this narrow but busy rural road lined with lifestyle block properties.

Kind regards

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No

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Diane Maitland

From: Council
Sent: Tuesday, 12 June 2018 9:43 PM
To: Consultation Submissions
Subject: Form submission from: Submission Form: Various Bylaws and Policy on Dogs

New submission on the Various Bylaws and Policy on Dogs

Submitted on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 - 21:43

Submitted values are:

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Which Bylaw / Policy are you commenting on in this form? Dog Control Bylaw

Submission: I support the proposal

My submission is:

to add support to the new Dog Control Bylaw and the Dog Control Policy.

The revised wording in the draft documents is a very positive step forward in the management of loose dogs in the District and particularly in Hokitika.

On the coast, dogs are the second biggest killer of blue penguins after vehicles.

Improved control of dogs, with a general expectation that dogs should be on leashes, and with leashes to be used in certain places and at certain times in coastal areas, will therefore benefit penguins, but will also benefit people, especially children, pets, other domestic animals plus other native birds including weka and other ground nesting birds, all of whom/all of which can be at risk of attack by loose dogs.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? No

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Submission information

Form: Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified)

Thu, 06/14/2018 - 11:26

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Franz Josef Glacier 7856

Are you writing this submission as (please select one):An individual

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Topic 2: Please provide any comments:None

Topic #3: Infrastructure spending

LTP Submission

Westland District Council



Council proposes to fast-track infrastructure capital projects to comply with Drinking Water Standards and increased tourist growth in Years 1-5 of this plan and delay some asset renewals work for another 10 years while asset condition and performance data is improved.

Topic 3: Indicate your support for this topic:I support the proposal

Topic 3: Please provide any comments:None

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Council proposes to allocate \$100,000 of reserve development funds to the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project.

Topic 4: Indicate your support for this topic:I am neutral to the proposal

Topic 4: Do you think it is important to retain youth and families in Westland and provide high quality fa-cilities for youth and wider community use?Yes

Topic 4: Do you support this allocation of reserve funds to the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project?Unsure

Topic 4: Please provide any comments:None

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Topic 5: Indicate your support for this topic:I support the proposal

Topic 5: If Council offered this service, would it be something that you would use regularly?Unsure

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Further Feedback

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LTP Submission
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Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:Yes

If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?:Yes

Specify the party:Okarito Kayaks

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?:No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?:No

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9.

Submission information

Form: Submission Form: Long Term Plan 2018-2028

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified)

Fri, 06/15/2018 - 09:04

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Topic 1: Please provide any comments:High "iron" content is a problem on some properties up the valley

Topic #2: Transfer of management of strategic assets and non-core activities to CCO

Council proposes to transfer the management of the West Coast Wilderness Trail, Hokitika i-SITE, Hokitika Museum and events portfolio including the Hokitika Wildfoods Festival to the "Destination Westland" Council Controlled Organisation.

Topic 2: Indicate your support for this topic:I oppose the proposal

If not, which activities, if any, do you think are non-core Council activities and should be transferred? Is there another option that would be preferable or something you think Council has not considered?

Topic 2: Please provide any comments:

Westland is a small council and councillors are more able to deal with these matters.

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Topic #3: Infrastructure spending

Council proposes to fast-track infrastructure capital projects to comply with Drinking Water Standards and increased tourist growth in Years 1-5 of this plan and delay some asset renewals work for another 10 years while asset condition and performance data is improved.

Topic 3: Indicate your support for this topic: I support the proposal

Topic 3: Please provide any comments:

Good water is an asset worth going for. But be careful that you are improving water not just adding costs.

Don't fix it if it ain't broke.

Topic #4: Contribute funding towards the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project

Council proposes to allocate \$100,000 of reserve development funds to the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project.

Topic 4: Indicate your support for this topic: I support the proposal

Topic 4: Do you think it is important to retain youth and families in Westland and provide high quality facilities for youth and wider community use? Yes

Topic 4: Do you support this allocation of reserve funds to the Westland High School Recreation and Community Centre project? Yes

Topic 4: Please provide any comments:

It is important that the Council gets behind the Westland High school and help to improve and promote it. The profile of Westland High needs to be elevated for the sake of the Westland community. We hear too many stories of why families have not moved to Hokitika.

Topic #5: Live-streaming Council Meetings

Council proposes to live-stream and maintain a video archive of Council meetings to better engage the public and keep people informed on decisions affecting the district or region in a transparent and flexible format.

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Topic 5: Indicate your support for this topic: I am neutral to the proposal

Topic 5: If Council offered this service, would it be something that you would use regularly? No

Topic 5: Please provide any comments:

I dream of reading the minutes but never do.

Would it be any different.

When I get more time, maybe??

Other Proposed Projects

There are many other projects listed in this consultation document and Long Term Plan that are proposed for the next ten years. Please give us your feedback on any of these.

Clearly state which project you are referring to and if you support the project, are against the proposal or if your feedback is neutral.

You can find information about our other proposed projects within the Long Term Plan document at the link below:

<https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/ltp>

Other proposed projects – please provide any comments:

I see no mention of the Old Christchurch Road in the LTP.

This road needs further attention as it is too well known to the Fire Brigade, Ambulance and medical services.

The recent painting of white lines down the middle of the sealed section is a good start. The paint is rather faded in places already.

There needs to be a speed limit on most of the Old Christchurch Road. Some say 70 but I would bat for 80.

This road is used as a short cut by many and in no way do you want to keep up with them as they treat it as a rally road.

In summer there is lots of loose gravel and vehicles get into trouble due to high speed and not being used to unsealed surfaces.

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Further Feedback

Council would also like to hear any other feedback you have in relation to the:

- Consultation Document (eg. online submission form)
- Draft Long Term Plan
- Draft Feeds and Charges Schedule
- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Infrastructure Strategy
- Financial Strategy
- Significance and Engagement Policy; or
- Other associated documents.

Further feedback – please provide any comments:

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council hearing in Hokitika?:Yes

If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?:Yes

Specify the party:???

Do you require a language interpreter in order to present at the hearing?:No

Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?:No

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