

Submitter Number	Submitter First Name	Submitter Last Name	Do you support?	Comments	Additional comments
3	Jacqui	Johnson	Yes	At present there is no where at all to walk my dog off lead and has been a point of frustration for some time now. This is compounded by the fact that at this end of Tamahere (pencarrow & Hooker roads) we don't have footpaths and is pretty scary walking down the road with the speed of traffic and continued use of narrow roads by trucks heading to porrit sand. ANY facilities that can be put into this area south of airport road would be greatly appreciated. Thankyou !	Safety in an isolated area & How would we access this area?
4	Jolanda	Roe	Yes		
5	Vanessa	Lepper	Yes	This would be a great way for fellow dog lovers to meet up, and exercise their dogs. Having just moved to a new community, it's definitely a bonus for the fast developing Pokeno area.	
7	Mark	Anderson	Yes	A great resource for the safe exercising of dogs, utilising otherwise under utilised space. Good to have more dedicated area etc.Fully and strongly support, we would definitely use.Great initiative by council!	Grea idea!
9	Ian	Finch	Yes	We live in Tamahere and support any initiative which enhances the lifestyle of residents in the area. We have two dogs, are responsible owners, and would make good use of the area.	
10	Denis	Friedlander	Yes	I exercise my dog in the proposed area once a week - at present on a lead	There is poison laid for rabbits there and my dog is small and could get his head into a poison dispenser. I take it the poison will be removed and hopefully the rabbits will remain controlled. I support the area for dog exercising.
11	Michael	Hamid	Yes	I think it's a good idea to have an off leash exercise area in Tamahere.	
13	Mark	Spittal	Yes	Need one on this side of the city. Currently travel to Days Park regularly for off lead walks. Needs to be away from farmland and major roads.	
16	Marilyn and Peter	Bird	Yes	I would like to express that I am FOR the Dog exercise area and think it will be a wonderful asset to the residents of Hamilton.	
17	Mark and Andrea	Dunseath	Yes	It's a great idea and location	Just need to make sure dog owners are aware of the need to have dogs on their lead or even kept away from the playground area please. It would also be ideal to have plenty of dog poo rubbish bins.
18	Peter	Simpson	Yes	We have two dogs and in summer it is an area we already take our dogs to allow them to swim in the river. It is sealed and away from main areas where people go for swims. The location is ideal and with the location of appropriate bins for disposals of the dog doo's it will be ideal for everyone!!	
19	Katherine	Leamy	Yes	I think the proposed dog exercise are in Tamahere at the Te Awa Reserve is a great idea. I've heard that these areas are very social for dogs and their owners! It's great to be able to have a place that the dogs can be off the lead.	
20	Colette	Hanrahan	Yes	Because we need one at least!!	
21	Susan	Horner	Yes	I have two one year old Llasa Apso puppies that I bought when I moved into my 2 acre property two years ago thinking they would love my grounds. Unfortunately one of them loves barking at my neighbours' chickens and I am forced to walk them on leads at all times round my property. I therefore use the Cambridge dog exercise areas which is the only place I can let them off lead safely but it is a long way for me to go each day - the two I prefer are	

				in Leamington as they are fully fenced. I would really welcome an exercise area so much closer to my own home.	
22	Lucy	Catchpole	Yes	Definitely needed!! Just wish it was in walking distance to the Pokeno development	
23	Nicola	Smithson	Yes	There are not that many places that you can take a dog off lead.	
24	Sarah	Tucker	Yes	All I can say is Yay!! Yes please!!! We love walking our dogs and have to do so on-lead at present walking on the side of the road. The roads around Tamahere are becoming much busier with more traffic, so this is not as easy as it was in the past. We would love to have a nearby option to run them, play with them and socialise them off-lead. Being able to throw a ball for example for a good distance instead of only in our back yard. Currently we drive all the way to Days Park in Hamilton to give them this opportunity, so we would very much appreciate a local place to go to do this and would one hundred percent support it, use it and appreciate it. The proposed venue would work well for us. In fact we would support a dog park anywhere in the Tamahere area as it's going to be a lot closer than our current options.	P.S. I have no idea what a submitter or agent is or who this form should be submitted to. Something to think about for the wording of this form? So I hope my feedback gets to the right person!
25	Peter	Roach	Yes	An important part of being able to safely manage a dog	
28	Stephen	Williams	Yes	We are generally supportive of this proposal as it effectively formalises existing practice.	However, before fully supporting the proposal we wish to ensure some conditions are applied, these conditions being;•
30	Peter	Falconer	No	1. You say the council is proposing to make part of the river walkway a dog exercise area under the dog control bylaw. You must surely know that a number of dog owners are doing this and have been doing it for some time presumably in breach of the bylaw.2. You say 'make part of the river walkway a dog exercise area'. Which part? Your map is vague. It shows where the proposed walkway starts but not where it finishes. 3. Your proposal is for an off lead dog exercise area which would almost certainly include dog toileting. We would be opposed to both. Off lead dogs run into private gardens which are adjacent to the river walkway and we have never seen anyone attempt to pick up their dog poo. We had a recent case where a large dog raced across our garden and jumped up on a visitor causing her distress. The owner made no attempt to call the dog back but simply ignored the situation. We have small grandchildren playing in the garden and we do not want to see them frightened.4. Your letter makes no mention of any measures the council might take to control the dog exercise area. For example are you proposing to put up a notice telling dog walkers to keep their dog on a leash and to pick up any dog poo and will you be providing bags and a disposal bin? 5. At present each house owner mows the walkway to keep it tidy and presentable. To have unrestrained dogs running around this area is hardly an incentive to continue doing so and some may be tempted to just let the grass grow. In which case will the council be prepared to maintain the river bank area?6. We would support a decision to allow dogs to be exercised on a lead provided owners are asked to take care not to intrude on private gardens. However, we would not be happy for the walkway to be turned into an uncontrolled dog area as proposed.	
31	Maria	Moselen	Yes	I think the locations are great and yaaay somewhere else to walk my doggy.	

32	Kimberly	Dow	Yes	I think it would be fantastic to have an off leash dog exercise area in Pokeno. There are lots of local residents in Pokeno and having an area the dogs can have a good run and play with other dogs and responsible dog owners is a great idea.	
33	Linda	Esplin	No	There is a childrens playground at the Te Awa Reserve which is used by lots of children, to gain access to the dog exercise area you will need to walk through the childrens playground ( built for young children ) , this seems to be asking for trouble to me. I'm sure there will be children who will be bitten or chased or even just barked at by dogs who are not on there leads when going through the park. I have young children and there is already problems at the park with dogs off leads, I believe this will only make this problem even worse. I also note that the exercise area goes in front of the Velas horse stud, they are a very prominent family in the community and without speaking for them I'm sure they wouldn't like dogs and public having access to there horse stud from the riverside, the dogs will no doubt aggravate there very expensive horses. Our letterbox is directly opposite the Te Awa Reserve and we already have issues with the use of the park and have had on several occasions people using the park trying to set our letterbox on fire, running our letterbox over, setting the park rubbish bin on fire etc. I believe making a dog exercise area here will only contribute to this problem.	
35	Glenys	Round	No	We wish to voice our opposition to the proposed dog exercise area at the river walkway of Te Awa Reserve. We have lived in Te Awa Rd since prior to the establishment of the Te Awa Reserve, and have been involved, at times, in the maintenance of, and protection of public access to the walkway. We wish to object to the proposed dog exercise area on the following grounds: 1. Dogs will interfere with wildlife in the area. Tui have only been sited in the area in the last 3-4 years, and have a tenuous foothold. Dogs will displace native and introduced birds out of this area. 2. The river edge is fragile and eroding, and dogs and their owners will increase damage to the river edge. 3. It is highly probable that owners arriving at the parking area for the Te Awa Reserve will unleash their dogs in the Reserve, rather than waiting til the designated dog walking area. This will result in fouling of the Reserve and play areas, increased harassment of wildlife and damage to recently established native tree plantings. In addition, there has already been one dog attack by an uncontrolled dog in the Reserve this year, and allowing the river walkway to be used as a dog exercise area increases the risk of further attacks to those using the Reserve. 4. There is parking available only for for a maximum of three cars in the designated parking area. Given the number of owners with dogs wishing to use a dog exercise area, it is likely more than three cars will wish to park at peak times. There is no safe area for further cars to park on the roadside. The road is narrow, and the corner leading to the Reserve parking area is very sharp. Cars parking on the roadside will increase the risk to other cars and pedestrians. Cars have already driven over the planted area to park in the Reserve grounds, although this has now been addressed with bollards. There is the potential for cars to access the Reserve behind the Playground in the same way. 5. Increase in traffic on what is a quiet and narrow rural lane. 6. The probability of dogs straying onto, and fouling adjoining properties, or harassing residents and their animals.	
36	Lesley	Cooper	Yes	Dogs need a safe open area where they can run and just 'be dogs' Most sections in the pokeno aren't big enough for dogs to have a good run around and there is no opportunity for them to safely socialise with other dogs. The area in Pokeno will cater for both Pokeno residents and the Kowhai Downs subdivision. We are about to build in the area and would love a dedicated	Public areas like this are a great way for people in the community to get to know each other as well as their dogs ! We need as much open space in subdivisions so we can all get out and enjoy our local community.

				dog exercise area.	
37	Simon	Perry	Yes	We are dog owners with three dogs. We have nowhere to exercise them, the nearest place is Cambridge	
38	Marlene	Julian	Yes	It would be great to have something in the area, too many people have to walk their dogs along the roads, it's very dangerous	
41	Bob	Holderness-Roddam	Yes	I have a Google alert on dog parks, as this is one of my research areas. As a life long dog owner-carer, I fully support the provision of properly designed, planned and managed off-leash dog parks.	There are, however, a couple of issues with dog exercise areas alongside rivers. These are:1. Erosion of river banks by regular entry/exit of dogs. The Itchin Navigation in England dealt with this problem by constructing concrete entry/exit points for dogs into the river.2. Dog faeces in waterways. This may result in increased nutrients, leading to algal growth. It is also recognised that mammals such as otters and seals are susceptible to diseases such as canine distemper, parvo virus and leptospirosis. These may be transmitted by faeces from diseased dogs entering waterways. Whilst I realise there are no otters in NZ, seals may become infected if enough contaminated water reaches estuaries.
43	Glenda	O'Donnell	Yes		
45	Krista	Augustin	Yes	Dog exercise areas give dogs the opportunity to socialise with other dogs. Some properties don't have sufficient land for their dog to get enough exercise so getting a designated area will benefit both the dogs and help their owners get out exercising.	
46	Nikki	Murray	Yes	I would like to have somewhere where I can exercise my dog offish with other dogs close to where I live	
47	Jenni	Fenwick	Yes	Yes please we would definitely make use of it regularly. Our dog loves the water all year around, and the roads around Tamahere aren't always footpathed for dog walks. Unless there's official dog exercise areas people often let their dog off leash somewhere convenient anyway which is disruptive to the general public.	
51	Maxine and James	Yearsley	Yes	We currently have a very long drive to any dog exercise areas therefore we strongly support the proposed Tamahere exercise area.	
53	Hugh	McKay	Yes	Please extend the area designated in the plan to include the Council reserve up river as well.I understand that the Waikato District Council is currently considering how the Te Awa Reserve can best serve the needs of the community and the wider group of people who regularly use the Reserve.There is no place in Tamahere of Matangi designated as a dog exercise, in which dogs can have some time off lead and socialise freely in neutral territory, a positive step in developing good dog manners and allowing us all to get to know the many dogs and neighbours living near us. The river bank walk has been working well for a long time as a dog exercise area, with dogs and people behaving very responsibly, and I would like this designation to be formally recognized by the Council. This walk is ideal for a dog exercise area as it is away from schools and main road, and is safe for both dogs and the public using the reserve.It has been used as a dog exercise area and river walk by the greater community for years(before new signage) Perfect location and beautiful dog walk.There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere.The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads.Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa	The Te awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers-%95 of usage would be dog walkers.The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river.

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77	Robyn	DEnton	Yes	exercise opportunities for all residents (both 2 and 4 legged) are important for our community to remain fit and active. There are few opportunities for the 4 legged variety to have a good run - so this proposal would be great.	

78	Tracey	Dunne	Yes	There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere. The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads. Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized. A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.	The Te Awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers-%95 of usage would be dog walkers. The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area
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84	Rowena	Harper	Yes	It is a great idea to provide space for dogs to exercise - a great initiative. Not that we have one!!!!	Please could signage be erected so that dogs MUST remain ON the leash through the park / playground area. There are young children (mine included) who frequently run around this park. Whilst my daughter loves dogs, not all dogs love kids, and not all kids love dogs (my son)!!! Signage should point to the unleashed areas that you are proposing are for dog exercise along the river bank, please... NOT the park / playground. Signage should also require poo to be removed and placed in the bins provided. Hopefully most do, but it might pay to remind people! :-)
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112	Gillian	Dray	Yes	Very few off lead areas, we need more	
113	Sharon	Fisher	Yes	There are not enough off lead dog areas. I personally believe it is not right to have dogs on leads and call it exercise they need to run and be free!	We also require an off lead area in Matangi as currently nothing has been organized and it is a fair distance to travel each day to exercise dogs. Each community should have some area to make sure dogs are kept happy and healthy
114	Ursula	Edgington	Yes	Dog ownership promoted health and well-being to local residents, especially for those elderly people without other companions and those suffering from mental health problems. Please help support more dog-friendly areas (which are free from the ubiquitous poisons in other areas of NZ) where people can go to enjoy with their pets and families. We also need proper dog-poo bins	

				and easy access for wheelchairs and buggies. Thank you!	
115	M	Wilcock	Yes	The Tamahere Community Committee supports this dog exercise proposal	
116	Sandra	Clark	Yes	<p>We enjoy our morning and evening walks with our two dogs along the river bank. The dogs love to sniff and explore their way along the walk, and we all like to meet other local dogs and their families. Several neighbours walk along the river bank regularly, giving us the chance to catch up with each other and, of course, their dogs. The dogs and families would love their dogs to enjoy some healthy off-lead exercise, and to socialise with local dogs. It's really positive for dogs to learn good dog manners and this would provide regular opportunities for dogs to practise dog etiquette. In this way, people and dogs can maintain good neighbourly relationships.</p>	<p>1. During discussions with neighbours, I've found that some people do not regard this as positively as others. However, we all have public land adjacent to our properties, and people walk along the road or verges with families, friends, and, very often, their dogs. This has never posed a problem for us during the 25 years we've lived here. We maintain secure fences to keep our dogs safe, and assume that if property owners adjacent to the river walk are anxious about their dogs, they will take steps to keep their dogs away from the walkway, and to teach them good dog manners too. The river path has been used daily for many years by locals without any problems arising until recently, and the proposed change to an off-lead exercise area is a minor one that engenders many benefits for dogs and their families.2. In the last year, many trees have been removed from the river bank, resulting in erosion. Parts of the track have been dug up too, making it difficult, if not dangerous, to walk safely along. Perhaps some planting could be re-established along there, in line with the provision of a bird-friendly corridor along the river bank as proposed by the council many years ago? A list of trees that provide food for our nectar-feeding birds used to be published on the council site and would seem to be an appropriate choice for the river walk. The walk is a beautiful natural area to walk along and only needs minimal maintenance to provide dogs and people with a safe, off-road exercise area.</p>

117	Keith	Sharrock	No	<p>Dear Sir or Madam, My wife and I live at 65 Te Awa Road, Tamahere, backing on to the riverside walkway and adjacent to the Te Awa Road playground/reserve. We are opposed to the proposal to make a section of the river walkway an off-lead dog exercise area, as outlined in the letter from Megan May on 15 July 2016, for the following reasons: 1. The track is too narrow and secluded for this purpose. In most parts of this dead-end track it is impossible to avoid coming into close contact with dogs already (illegally) allowed to run free, often well ahead and out of sight and control of their owners. We have had a few scares when suddenly accosted by large running dogs while walking on this riverside track with our young grandchildren. Our miniature Schnauzer, which we walk on a leash along the track, has also been intimidated by unwelcome lunges of some much bigger free-running dogs encountered there. Their owners may be one or two bends behind, out of sight. These problems will get worse if the proposed area is designated and advertised as an off-the-leash dog exercise area, attracting more dogs and their owners. 2. Inadequate boundaries. Due to the absence of boundary fences or a buffer zone of public land, unleashed dogs can easily stray into adjacent private properties. 3. Safety concerns. The proposed exercise area is unsafe for dogs off the leash, due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. poison bait stations that are sometimes surrounded by spilled pellets.</li> <li>ii. crumbling parts of the narrow path that have become very unstable due to progressive uncontrolled erosion and undercutting by the river.</li> <li>iii. unpredictable fluctuating river levels that occasionally submerge parts of the track and make others precariously narrow and close to the swift current.</li> </ul> <p>4. Proximity to the Te Awa Reserve playground. While supervising our grandchildren on the playground equipment, we have seen big dogs come running up the track from the river and enter the Reserve well ahead of their owners. They are very capable of reaching the playground in the corner of the reserve and alarming or attacking a child before their owners arrive at the top of the track to be able to see what they're doing. We realise that the flat park-like area of the reserve is not proposed as part of the off-leash area, but dogs often run well ahead of their owners and are unlikely to wait at the bottom of the hill to have their leash put on.</p>	
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118	Stephanie	Holmes	Yes	<p>There is certainly a need for a suitable dog exercise area in the South East of the district as unfortunately nothing is provided at the moment. It is a well known fact that correctly exercised dogs have fewer behavioural issues but can be hard to achieve in some areas without getting into a car and travelling quite a distance to reach suitable areas.</p>	<p>Therefore, armed with the vague map provided, I drove along to check the Te Awa Reserve out and came away very disappointed as I really believe the narrow pathway beside the river isn't suitable or indeed safe for off-lead exercise. The steepish pathway down was very slippery on the day we visited and the numerous poison signs and traps were certainly indicating danger around there. The actual river path is very narrow and crumbling in parts into the river and bordering several residential homes with open access rear gardens. We also came across what appeared to be a dangling old electrical wire on a tree. If you were to encounter other dog owners, there is no room for dogs to interact correctly as the pathway is much too tight. It only took about 12 minutes to reach the end of the boggy pathway where it seemed to come to a dead end so the only way was to retrace the same route back. Standing at the car park area itself, looking at the Reserve field, the playground area is tucked over in the front left hand side. I believe there would be plenty of space if dog owners were to use the right hand side of the field to provide adequate space for appropriate off lease dog exercise e.g. ball throwing etc. There would certainly be at least 10 meters clearance of the play ground area and even adequate space between to insert attractive border fencing of some sort. It would be great if the principle of "sharing with care" could be adopted there. Meanwhile in Matangi, Woodside Road continues to be the unofficial off lead area for dogs, something I find very scary and dangerous especially when there is the empty reserve on Matangi Road which again could be "shared with care". In summary, with approximately 20 years of dog training experience there is no way I would use or recommend the narrow strip of unsafe river path currently proposed as an off-lead dog exercise area. See original submission for attached photos</p>
119	Rob	Campbell	Yes	<p>We strongly support the proposed dog park in Tamahere. There is a lack of off lead areas to exercise dogs in the area and this would be a great addition to the community. It would be great for like minded people to be able to meet and enjoy exercising their dogs in a safe place.</p>	
121	Brain	Wright	Yes	<p>Supports proposed dog run</p>	

124	George	Clark	Yes	As a resident and ratepayer living in the Te Awa Road, Tamahere area for the last 24 years, and as the owner of two small dogs, I support the proposed Tamahere dog exercise area for the following reasons: - The proposed area along the Waikato River is a serene and picturesque walk and the only local walk area away from the roads where vehicles often exceed the speed limit, and can be dangerous for pedestrians walking dogs due to the natural lack of footpaths (which are not expected anyway in the country).- Dogs like humans do need (and demand) a lot of exercise. As caring owners, we walk our dogs twice a day, usually along the path along the river.- It is important for dogs to have some degree of freedom off the lead but in a controlled manner. The river path is an ideal environment for this purpose.- The proposed exercise area on council/public land is well clear of residences adjoining the walkway. In the years of walking along this path the only issue we have encountered has been one resident (illegally) putting a fence and gate across the public walkway and the dogs owned by that same resident constantly running down and barking at anyone and their dogs trying to have a peaceful walk. As we used to own three dogs and we met all the WDC requirements regarding fencing etc for our property, we found it extremely aggravating that these dogs were such a nuisance and were not properly fenced or controlled.- Other owners of dogs that we know in the vicinity of the proposed area are all very responsible residents and their dogs do not create problems.- Without this proposed area for dogs off the leash, we have nowhere else close by to allow dogs to exercise to the full extent that they need.Thank you.George Clark	
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130	Susan	Burbage	Yes	Love the walkway, the ambiance of the area. The relaxed feelingThere is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere.The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads.Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized.A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.	The Te awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers-%95 of usage would be dog walkers.The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area
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132	Dale	Friar	No	<p>I oppose the proposed dog exercise area at the Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere. 1. The area is not suitable for dogs to be exercised off the leash - the areas too small - dogs need to run, chase a ball, have a stick thrown - this requires more space than there is available. It is relatively narrow in parts and unleashed dogs will be confronted by walkers and bikers. 2. As a lifestyle block owner with sheep we are at risk of having off the leash, out of control dogs worrying our stock. 3. As a resident I have experienced first hand walking with a friend with small children and being bailed up by an unfriendly unleashed dog - we had to sit the crying and distressed children on a fence post until the owner appeared from down the track - and not too quickly. It was a most uncomfortable and threatening experience. Further incidences of this type can be expected - one too many if a child is traumatised or attacked. 4. The playground is well used by families with children - and not a place for unleashed dogs. Just because the proposed designated area is at river level one knows dogs run off and are often not well trained. And whos going to police it? The Council Animal Control Officer - yeah right. A dog and its owner would be long gone before they were on the scene. 5. This river area has a resident population of tui and other bird species which is to be encouraged. 6. As the proposed area is not mown dog poo will not be easily seen, this is a potential health risk. Will all owners be carrying plastic bags - I don't think so. They don't know even when on a leash! 7. There is an alternative - a vast area of Council land bordering Wiremu Tamehana Drive /Airport Road - well suited and suitable for dogs to be off the leash running and chasing and catching with their owners. Ample parking, mowed grass, dog poo bins can be supplied (ie as in Cambridge for example). No animals in close proximity, no walkers/riders thoroughfare so well suited for this activity.</p>	
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134	Ryan	Stokes	Yes	<p>There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere. The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads. Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized. A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.</p>	<p>The Te Awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers - 95% of usage would be dog walkers. The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area</p>
135	Robert	Buckton	Yes	<p>There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere. The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads. Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized. A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.</p>	<p>The Te Awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers - 95% of usage would be dog walkers. The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area</p>
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138	Michael	Boardman	Yes	<p>There is no designated safe dog exercise area in Tamahere. The Te Awa reserve is safe, away from schools and busy roads. Historically, all the neighbours have used the Te Awa reserve as a dog exercise area, and we would like this to be formally recognized. A dog exercise area is important for both dog and human social interaction. Ideal for a neighbourhood park.</p>	<p>The Te Awa Reserve is primarily used by dog walkers - 95% of usage would be dog walkers. The dog exercise area should be extended to indicate all the Te Awa reserve up river walk down river. See original submission map for a suggested new area</p>



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151	Mary	Carden	No	I phoned the council this morning in regards to this situation down along the river bed. As you may be aware the pathway that is the proposed off leash dog area has become very unsafe for anyone to walk down there especially with the rapid erosion of the river bank. I have been walking our dogs down there for 8 years now, they love the park and the river area and we have never had any problems with other dogs the dogs usually socialise and owners get to chat however briefly. Over the last few years after the willow trees were cut down the erosion accelerated and since the tourist boat has been coming up and down the last 2 years or so it has also contributed to the rapid erosion, due to its displacement hull that puts up a large wake and that wake speeds towards the river bank and you can see when this happens the effect it has on the river banks. I am all for tourism but let's look at the whole picture. I have photos that show a few weeks ago and now that clearly show the change. I will send them as soon as I get them off my son's phone as he took them when he walks the dogs also. I would like to suggest that this situation be looked at more closely so that the dogs get the park still to run on off lead. I am aware and always conscious if any children etc are using the little playground, which I may add is not frequent. If this is an issue here why could the playground area be fenced to stop any fear created by animals. I would be happy to participate in any restoration of the river bank as it is a lovely place to go and walk and relax, but I have already had an incident last November where my Labrador and I were standing near the river bank and the ground gave way without notice and we fell. I was okay but my dog ended up with a leg injury and required leg ligament repair at a cost of \$6000. I don't want this to happen again and really would like to see a community effort along with council making this safe again. I know this is late and I am sorry I have been very ill over the last 3 months and still in catch up mode. I am probably saying the same as many other concerned people	