

DOG EXERCISE AREAS - SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS		
Summary of Comments Received	Officer Response	Officer Recommendation
<b>1. Taryn Higgins – Point Samson Resident</b>		
1.1 Oppose the proposal. Locals and tourists should be able to enjoy the beach without dogs causing nuisance. Degrades amenity of the area for beach goers.	Consider part or all of the Town beach as being dog prohibited area.	Liaise with PSCA to consider compromise option.
1.2 Insufficient rangers to patrol the beach will lead to dogs being on the beach at all times, not just designated times.	Noted – Ranger patrols do include Point Samson and Point Samson beach area (including on weekends), however we do not have a rostered ranger permanently monitoring this area. Similar approach is used for other DEAs.	Rangers to take particular attention to the beach when patrolling in Point Samson.
1.3 Does not align with foreshore development – all the works that have been undertaken and proposed. There is no dog washing area, and we don't want dogs washed at the ablution block.	Dog owners already have access to the ablution facilities and associated facilities adjacent to the carpark –with dogs on lead.	Dogs are already permitted on lead in parts of these areas. Incorporate this into compromise option.
1.4 There is plenty of beach to the north of Town Beach with good access pathways that would be better suited as a designated dog exercise area. Whilst these beach access points do not have parking directly next to them it takes minimal time to walk from the closest car park to these access points along good path ways.	Access points to area located opposite 41 Meares Dve and at end of Meares Dve are steep and not well defined. Access points not as safe as accessing the beach closer or at Town beach.	Officers do not support access to the DEA via the top end of Meares Dve, especially for elderly tourists.
1.5 Potential for dune damage due to unrestrained dogs accessing revegetated areas.	Access to and damage to dunes could be avoided if dogs were either on lead.	Having dogs on lead when accessing the beach will limit degradation.
<b>2. Kristy Maher - Karratha</b>		
2.1 Would like Council to consider an enclosed dog exercise area similar to Cockburn and other areas.	Enclosed dog exercise area has been previously listed as a new initiative, however was not seen as a priority.	Noted. No further action.
<b>3. Toiya Staley - Dampier</b>		
3.1 Wants somewhere to exercise her dog. Is concerned about dogs wandering in Dampier (approaching her dog in an aggressive manner) and would like more animal control undertaken by Rangers. Walks her dog in front of the transit park to minimise interaction with other dogs.	Hampton Oval and Dampier Beach designated as off lead areas. She can still walk her dog at the beach area in front of the Transit Park. Rangers tasked with increasing patrols in Dampier for dogs off lead. Additional signage to be purchased and installed advising dogs must be on lead along the Esplanade and other areas. Dampier Community Association requested to inform	Submission is supportive of Dampier DEA. No further action.

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	members to use the DEA, and to keep their dogs on lead. General social media post also issued.	
<b>4. Natasha Collins – Point Samson</b>		
4.1 Oppose the proposal. Locals and tourists should be able to enjoy the beach without dogs causing nuisance.	Noted. Compromise could consider prohibiting dogs from main beach areas.	Liaise with PSCA to consider compromise option.
4.2 Insufficient rangers to patrol the beach will lead to dogs being on the beach at all times, not just designated times.	Noted – Ranger patrols do include Point Samson and Point Samson beach area (including on weekends), however we do not have a rostered ranger permanently monitoring this area. Similar approach is used for other DEAs.	Rangers to take particular attention to the beach when patrolling in Point Samson.
4.3 Additional bins for dog faeces would create odour issues.	No complaints are received in relation to existing bins located at DEAs in the City. Waste Services arrange for these to be collected and maintained on a regular basis to minimise odour nuisance.	Additional bins will be installed in appropriate locations.
4.4 Supports the beach area to the north of Point Samson (outside town boundary) to be used as dog exercise area.	Beach Area is located outside the town boundary therefore dogs can be exercised in this area. Legislation allows for dogs not to be on lead in these areas.	Compromise option could include this.
<b>5. Carley Valikoula - Karratha</b>		
5.1 Opposed to the Council opening even more dog exercise areas due to dogs causing nuisance (ie coming up to her children, faeces not collected).	Noted. All dog exercise areas and other parks within the City provided with dog poo bags for use.	Noted.
5.2 Raises concern that Hearson Cove is being used as an off lead area.	Hearson Cove is located outside the town boundary therefore dogs can be exercised in this area. Legislation allows for dogs not to be on lead in these areas.	Objection relates to area outside consultation consideration.
5.3 Council to consider a fenced off dog exercise area not located.	Enclosed dog exercise area has been previously listed as a new initiative, however was not seen as a priority.	Noted.
<b>6. John Graham – Point Samson</b>		
6.1 Opposes the proposal. Family should be able to enjoy the beach without dogs causing nuisance.	Opposed to the council opening even more dog exercise areas due to dogs causing nuisance (i.e. coming up to her children, faeces not collected).	Liaise with PSCA to consider compromise option.
6.2 Indicated the beach area to the north of Point Samson (outside town boundary) to be used as an informal dog exercise area currently.	Beach Area is located outside the town boundary therefore dogs can be exercised in this area. Legislation allows for dogs not to be on lead in these areas.	Compromise option could include this.
<b>7. Point Samson Community Association</b>		

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7.1 Association is willing to agree with objectors that town beach is not ideal as a dog exercise area.	PSCA have provided compromise option which prohibits dogs from part of Town Beach, but allows safe access to the beach by dogs on lead, to then access the off lead area.	Compromise option to be referred to Pt Samson objectors.
7.2 PSCA propose that the walkway to the beach from the community hall is a delineation point, with dogs <b>prohibited</b> to the south and dog on leash only to the north. Will allow safer access to the beach for grey nomads and tourists.	Proposal has merit in that there is a clear delineation between the dog area (on lead) and dog prohibited area. Provides a transition from the dog off lead area (outside the town boundary) to that of the dog prohibited area.	Option is considered a viable alternative.
7.3 Is it possible to have a "No Vehicles Beyond this Point" reinstated to the beach?	Not part of the scope of this consultation, however additional signage has been requested to be installed by Infrastructure Services.	Noted and actioned.
<b>8. Natasha Collins – Point Samson</b>		
8.1 Disagrees with the PSCA proposal. Does not believe the boardwalk provides enough delineation to the lead and non-lead areas.	With additional signage to be installed, the boardwalk provides a clear delineation between the on lead, and dog prohibited area.	Use either the boardwalk, or other clear landmark to delineate between dog areas.
8.2 Concerned at the lack of Ranger presence on the beach to enforce this.	Noted – Ranger patrols do include Point Samson and Point Samson beach area (including on weekends), however we do not have a rostered ranger permanently monitoring this area. Similar approach is used for other DEAs.	Rangers to take particular attention to the beach when patrolling in Point Samson.
<b>9. Taryn Higgins – Point Samson</b>		
9.1 Disagrees with the PSCA proposal. Believes ALL of town beach should be dogs prohibited and sign posted accordingly.	Noted. PSCA option designates part of the town beach as being dog prohibited.	PSCA option provides a compromise which addresses part of objectors concerns.
9.2 Boardwalk is still an access point to Town Beach and should not be shared with dogs on lead. Owners should use access points to the north of Town Beach.	Access points to area located opposite 41 Meares Dve and at end of Meares Dve are steep and not well defined. Access points not as safe as accessing the beach closer or at Town beach.	These access points should not be promoted.
9.3 Off lead area outside of the townsite boundary is supported.	Beach Area is located outside the town boundary therefore dogs can be exercised in this area. Legislation allows for dogs not to be on lead in these areas.	PSCA compromise option incorporates this.