



Regulatory and Consents Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Regulatory and Consents Committee held in the Council Chamber, 15 Forth Street, Invercargill on Thursday, 6 August 2020 at 9am (9am - 9.14am (PE 9.14am - 12.06pm)).

PRESENT

Chairperson

Paul Duffy

Councillors

Mayor Gary Tong

Darren Frazer

Julie Keast

Christine Menzies

Margie Ruddenklau

IN ATTENDANCE

Group Manager, Environmental Services Committee Advisor

Fran Mikulicic

Alyson Hamilton

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

3 Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Public Forum

Wendy Joy Baker addressed the meeting on various issues relating to dog control and provided information on her current petition to New Zealand Parliament regarding "fairer customer complaint follow-up and compassion from local councils".

Papers that Ms Baker referred during her presentation in public forum have been attached to the minutes as appendix 1.

5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

There were no Extraordinary/Urgent items.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution

Moved Cr Menzies, seconded Cr Keast **and resolved:**

That the minutes of Regulatory and Consents Committee meeting held on 11 June 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Reports

7.1 Freedom Camping in the Catlins

Record No: R/20/7/25457

Environmental Health Manager - Michael Sarfaiti was in attendance for this item.

Mr Sarfaiti advised the purpose of the report is for the Committee to consider the recommendations resolved at the meeting of the Waihopai Toetoe Community Board on 30 June 2020 regarding freedom camping issues in the Catlins.

Resolution

Moved Cr Keast, seconded Cr Ruddenklau **and resolved:**

That the Regulatory and Consents Committee:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Freedom Camping in the Catlins" dated 29 July 2020.**
- b) **Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.**
- c) **Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.**
- d) **Recommends to Council to authorise staff to request freedom camping app providers to remove the presence of the Weirs Beach designated site from their apps, and also from Council's website.**
- e) **Recommends to Council to amend the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2015, so that the self-contained designated site in Waikawa is moved from the existing site to the new sealed area beside the toilets.**
- f) **Authorises staff to consult with the direct neighbours of the Waikawa camping area, concerning recommendation (e) above.**

Public Excluded**Exclusion of the Public: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987****Resolution**

Moved Cr Keast, seconded Mayor Tong **and resolved:**

That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

C8.1 Resource Management Monthly Report - June 2020**C8.2 Building Solutions - Monthly Report June 2020**

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Resource Management Monthly Report - June	s7(2)(c)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of

	<p>person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to damage the public interest.</p> <p>Internal report showing financials and legal compliance matters within the Resource Management Department..</p>	information for which good reason for withholding exists.
General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Building Solutions - Monthly Report June 2020	<p>s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.</p> <p>The attachment to this report contains information required to be confidential. This includes the presence of legal action and MBIE determinations.</p> <p>s7(2)(g) - The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege.</p> <p>The attachment to this report contains information required to be confidential. This includes the presence of legal action and MBIE determinations.</p>	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.

That the Group Manager, Environmental Services, Communications Manager, People and Capability Manager, Group Manager, Customer Delivery, and Committee Advisor be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of the item C8.1 Resource Management Monthly Report - June 2020 and C8.2 Building Solutions - Monthly Report June 2020.

Manager Building Solutions be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of the item C8.2 Building Solutions - Monthly Report June 2020.

Team Leader Resource Management and Quality Assurance Analyst, Resource Management, be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of the item C8.1 Resource Management Monthly Report - June 2020.

This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed, is relevant to those matters because of their knowledge on the issues discussed and meeting procedure.

The public were excluded at 9.14am.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available unless released here.

The meeting concluded at 12.06pm

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A
MEETING OF THE REGULATORY AND CONSENTS
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST 2020.

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....

UNCONFIRMED

APPENDIX 1

SDC Council
Regulatory Meeting
Presentation 6th Aug 2020
by Wendy Jay Baker.

Good Morning

Thank you for letting me present at your Meeting.

Firstly I would like to praise the article about dog registration in the June First Edition. It is good to see the 'Governments Code of Welfare for dogs'. Also just like to praise the signs at Riverton regarding dog control especially the one which is a dogs on leash sign and says about infringements.

Unfortunately I have seen a few dogs that are not being kept on leads where they should be in the Riverton; Nightcaps; Okaitau and Winton areas. Also seen a few dogs in the No Dogs area of Hobt Park and Okaitau there have been 2 wandering dogs in Nightcaps during July & a dog in the Playground at Memorial Park in Nightcaps. I would like to suggest more patrols in these areas and including Lumsden because I saw a dog in the Playground there also (in July).

I sent around my new Petition yesterday about 'Fairer customer complaint follow up and compassion from Local Councils'.

It is important to acknowledge that complaints are individually relevant and

that the dog Control Act 'Obligations of dog owners' are looked at relevant to an individuals circumstance. This is fair. In particular I would like to mention Barking. Over the last 4 years 2016 - 2019 (from SDC council reports) there have been a total of ~~15~~ 653 barking complaints. I would like to read you this statement from a person who has concerns about barking issues like myself.



28/05/2020

To whom it may concern

I agree with Wendy Baker in regards to dogs barking at people while they are on their own property, or out and about enjoying their lives.

Not only is dog barking annoying it is also stressful for people & the dogs. If the dog is so unhappy that they bark to the point of being a nuisance to others. It is my belief that the dog is stressed & clearly voicing their unhappiness. Therefore the owner of the dog needs educating on how to care for their dog. It is not unreasonable for peace & comfort for all animals & people.

Councils should understand an individual's circumstance. And care more. People should not be harassed by dogs or their owners.

If you choose to own a dog you then become responsible for having control over the animal & a duty to deal with any issues that may come up along the way.

It's a sad day for New Zealand when councils don't take these matters seriously.

Thanks

Kind Regards

Theresa Wilson

It is important that Councils take all dog control issues seriously and formally educate dog owners on their obligations under the Dog Control Act 1996.

Regarding dog bite injuries I sent around information from ACC yesterday. There are still high numbers - thousands - of dog bite injuries happening in NZ as you will have seen.

You will see that my Petition 'Make NZ a safer country regarding dog control' got presented to Parliament last year and I was asked to make a submission which is on the Parliament website this year.

I care about seeing a better NZ overall regarding dog control. Yesterday I also sent around a copy of a letter from ACC which says that local councils are responsible for enforcing the Dog Control Act 1996. There is also a letter from the Minister for Local Government which says about councils 'respond to complaints & enforce dog owner responsibility'.

Over the last few years 2016 - 2019 SDC's reports show that there were 182 dog attacks in Southland.

So, you can see that I am still very active in caring about dog issues.

As stated before I would like to suggest that SDC assess complaints on an individual basis and apply Dog owner obligations in a fair way otherwise a person has the right to contact the ombudsman - which I may have to do (again). People have the right to enjoy their life & not be distressed by dog

Alyson Hamilton

From: wendy baker <wendyjoybaker-poet@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 31 July 2020 11:56 a.m.
To: Alyson Hamilton
Cc: Fran Mikulicic; Michael Sarfati; Jill Munro; Stuart Fairbairn
Subject: Re: Regulatory and Consents Committee meeting - 6 August 2020
Attachments: December 2019 Ministers letter.jpg; RSA National Presidents reference 2019.jpg

Hi Alyson

Thank you for your email.

I look forward to presenting at the meeting.

Additionally, could the attached 2019 letters; and all these weblinks (below) about my other Petition (which was presented to Parliament last year); please be sent around.

(My Submission, which was requested by Parliament to support my Petition, is on the Parliament website.)

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/petitions/document/PET_78067/petition-of-wendy-baker-make-new-zealand-a-safer-country



Petition of Wendy Baker: Make New Zealand a safer country regarding dog control - New Zealand Parliament

Petition reason. Dog bite injury claims, as per ACC statistics, have totaled 135,556 (2007-2017) in NZ. There have been 8,388 dog bite injuries in places of recreation or sport and 15,000 in road or street areas.

www.parliament.nz

Submission/info

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/52SCGA_EVI_78067_GA4121/wendy-baker

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/52SCGA_EVI_78067_GA4133/wendy-baker-supp-1

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/52SCGA_EVI_78067_GA4335/acc

Have a nice weekend.

Kind regards

Wendy Joy Baker

From: Alyson Hamilton <alyson.hamilton@southlanddc.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 30 July 2020 11:07 PM

To: 'wendy baker' <wendyjoybaker-poet@hotmail.com>
Cc: Fran Mikulicic <Fran.Mikulicic@southlanddc.govt.nz>; Cr Paul Duffy <paul.duffy@southlanddc.govt.nz>; Melissa Brook <Melissa.Brook@southlanddc.govt.nz>
Subject: Regulatory and Consents Committee meeting - 6 August 2020

Hi Wendy – thank you for letting me know that you wish to address the Regulatory and Consents Committee meeting scheduled Thursday, 6 August 2020.

I can advise that speaking rights at this meeting have been granted.

Your presentation material (below) has been circulated to the Mayor and Councillors.

For your information, attached are the Guidelines pertaining to Public Forum based on Southland District Council Standing Orders adopted by Council on 1 November 2019.

Please note standing orders places a limit of five minutes on any individual speaker addressing a meeting.

Cheers, Alyson



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From: wendy baker [mailto:wendyjoybaker-poet@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 30 July 2020 12:30 p.m.
To: Alyson Hamilton
Subject: 6th August Meeting presentation

Hello Alyson

As discussed, I wish to discuss my below petition and make some suggestions.

Regards

Wendy Baker

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/petitions/document/PET_96428/petition-of-wendy-joy-baker-fairer-customer-complaint



Petition of Wendy Joy Baker: Fairer customer complaint follow-up and compassion from local councils - New Zealand Parliament

Presenting at Council public forum

Preparing for the meeting

Talk to the governance team if you are going to:

- make a PowerPoint presentation (these need to be emailed to the governance team by 4pm on the working day before the meeting)
- provide handouts (to find out how many copies you need to bring with you)
- table supplementary material.

At the meeting

Sit in the public gallery and wait for the meeting to start. The Committee Advisor will be in the meeting room 10 minutes before the meeting begins and will:

- register those who have approval to present / speak to the meeting
- take any handouts you've brought with you and distribute them
- answer your questions.

The chair may begin the meeting by running through some housekeeping matters before calling you forward.

Making your presentation

When it is your turn to speak, the chair will formally introduce you and invite you to move to the place from where you will address the meeting.

Restrictions on speaking at meetings

There are provisions in standing orders 15.2 (Public Forums) and 16.2 (Deputations) for restricting speaking at meetings. (<https://www.southlanddc.govt.nz/assets/My-Council/2019-Southland-District-Council-Standing-Orders.pdf>)

These standing orders direct that the chair has discretion to decline to hear a speaker or terminate a presentation at any time where:

- the speaker is repeating views presented by an earlier speaker at the same public forum
- the speaker is criticising elected members and/or staff
- the speaker is being repetitious, disrespectful or offensive
- the speaker has previously spoken on the same issue
- the matter is subject to legal proceedings; and
- the matter is subject to a hearing, including the hearing of submissions where the local authority or committee sits in a quasi-judicial capacity.

Speaking time

Standing orders places a limit of **five minutes** on any individual speaker addressing a meeting, and **10 minutes** on an organisation who may have no more than two people speak on its behalf.

Use your speaking time effectively. If there is time left at the end of your presentation, the chair will facilitate any questions from the councillors. Questions will be confined to obtaining information or clarification about matters raised by a speaker.

After the meeting

Anything distributed or tabled at the meeting will become part of the public record for the meeting and will be:

- made available with the minutes (including your name)
- put up on the Southland District Council website.

8/5/2020

Petition of Wendy Joy Baker: Fairer customer complaint follow-up and compassion from local councils - New Zealand Parliament

Petition of Wendy Joy Baker: Fairer customer complaint follow-up and compassion from local councils

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Petition request

That the House of Representatives urge the Government to conduct annual audits of all local councils to ensure they have followed up fairly & respectfully on customer complaints, taking account of specific complaint circumstances, eg better dog control, better War Memorial maintenance overall, and all other council-related matters.

Petition reason

I am a respected RSA Volunteer. This petition is because of dissatisfaction about dog control barking etc and complaints about some unkempt War Memorials. I read online about a Fair Go TV show about a dog barking complaint not followed up by Christchurch Council. I have also had a letter from the Ombudsman regarding a dog control complaint I made and disrespect towards me from Southland District Council. I feel we need more fairness, understanding, caring and less biased follow up of complaints.

Signatures are now being accepted

238 days left**Closing date:** 31 Mar 2021 NZ Time**Sign
Petition**

Petition progress

**Open**

31/03/20



Closed



Presented



Reported

Number of Signatures:

7

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/petitions/document/PET_66428/petition-of-wendy-joy-baker-fairer-customer-complaint

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8/5/2020 Petition of Wendy Joy Baker: Fairer customer complaint follow-up and compassion from local councils - New Zealand Parliament

Closing date:

31 Mar 2021

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/petitions/document/PET_96428/petition-of-wendy-joy-baker-fairer-customer-complaint

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17 July 2020

Dr Jian Yang
Chairperson
Governance and Administration Committee
Email to: Gerardine.Lynch@parliament.govt.nz

Tēnā koe Dr Yang

Petition of Wendy Baker

I refer to your letter dated 30 June 2020, addressed to ACC's Chief Executive, about the petition of Wendy Baker regarding dog control. You have requested an update on what work is being done by ACC to reduce dog attacks.

ACC's injury prevention programmes

ACC prioritises its investment in injury prevention programmes, both locally and nationally, in accordance with its injury prevention strategy. The strategy focuses on seven major areas of injury liability and impact to the scheme: injuries sustained as a result of falls; treatment injury; sport; violence; injuries on the road and injuries in the community or workplace.

ACC does not issue any specific advice to people around minimising the risk of dog-related injuries as this role is best placed with other government agencies and advocacy groups. For example, local councils are responsible for enforcing the Dog Control Act 1996.

Government work to reduce dog attack injuries

On 22 September 2016, the previous Government announced a new national action plan to reduce the risk and harm of dog attacks. As a result of the plan, there were several legislative changes made to the Dog Control Act 1996. For more information regarding the actions taken in relation to this plan, I refer you to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) website here: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Resource-material-Dog-Control-2016-Review-of-Dog-Control-Regime#one>.

ACC regularly provides DIA with dog-related claims data to support their work around community dog safety education and control. For more information regarding DIA's work on dog control, I refer you back to the DIA website here: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Resource-material-Dog-Control-Index#two>.

I trust the above information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Andrea Conlan
Acting Chief Customer Officer

09/03/2020

Petition of Wendy Baker: Make New Zealand a safer country regarding dog control - New Zealand Parliament

Petition of Wendy Baker: Make New Zealand a safer country regarding dog control

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Published date: 26 Sep 2019

Petition request

That the House of Representatives ask the Government to initiate a national education campaign regarding responsible and safe dog control with an emphasis on abiding by dog control bylaws and signage.

Petition reason

Dog bite injury claims, as per ACC statistics, have totaled 135,556 (2007-2017) in NZ. There have been 8,388 dog bite injuries in places of recreation or sport and 15,000 in road or street areas. These are public places which should be safer. I have been attacked by a dog so care about others.

Petition progress



Open
27/04/18



Closed
27/04/19



Presented
26/09/19



Reported

Number of Signatures:	29
Petition number:	2017/111
Date presented:	26 Sep 2019
Referred to:	Governance and Administration Committee
Closing date:	27 Apr 2019

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/petitions/document/PET_78067/petition-of-wendy-baker-make-new-zealand-a-safer-country

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9th March 2020

 Parliament
 Submission To:- Governance & Administration
 Committee

From :- Wendy Baker

 Subject :- Petition :- MAKE NEW ZEALAND
 A SAFER COUNTRY REGARDING
 DOG CONTROL.

Introduction/Background:- For the last decade I have been concerned about dog bite injuries and attacks in New Zealand.

The ACC dog bite injuries every year are just horrendous. In 2018 (refer ACC table on next page) there were 13,954 dog bite injury claims recorded. It is not good to see that a lot of injuries are happening in public areas like on roads/streets; Places of recreation or sports; & even in schools! I am asking please that the Government initiates a national education campaign regarding responsible & safe dog control with an emphasis on abiding by dog control bylaws & signage.



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09/03/2020 Mail - wendy baker - Outlook

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New message Reply Delete Archive Junk Move to Categorize

Folders

- Inbox 6271
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- Drafts 706
- Sent Items 5
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- Conversation History
- Poetry books
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- Groups
- New group

Response: 0053771 - data for 2018 regarding dog bites

You forwarded this message on Tue 26/03/2019 2:24 AM

GS Government Services <GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz>
Mon 4/03/2019 10:53 PM
You &

Hi Wendy
Below is the data you requested.

Number of new claims related to dog bites between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2018 broken down by scene

Scene	Accident Calendar Year		
	2016	2017	2018
Home	8,562	9,196	8,845
Road or Street	1,504	1,622	1,499
Place of Recreation or Sports	940	1,014	991
Commercial / Service Location	530	573	524
Farm	195	186	193
Industrial Place	90	107	90
School	35	48	48
Other	1,926	1,908	1,764
Grand Total	13,819	14,654	13,854

Please note that "Other" includes all other scenes.

Caveats / notes on data
A calendar year is 1 January to 31 December.
Only claims with an accepted cover decision have been included.
Accredited employer claims have been excluded.
Please note that since the response 45869 was produced our definition for dog bite injuries has been updated, so the figures for previous years have been updated based on the new definition.
Data were extracted on 1 March 2019 and may differ if rerun at a later date.

Regards
Emma Coats
Manager Official Information Services
Government Engagement & Support

From: wendy baker [mailto:wendyjoybaker-poet@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, 22 February 2019 4:31 PM
To: Government Services <GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz>
Subject: 0053771 - Confirmation of request for data for 2018 regarding dog bites

Thanks Judy
Have a nice weekend.
Kind regards
Wendy

From: Government Services <GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz>
Sent: Friday, 22 February 2019 3:27 AM
To: Wendyjoybaker-poet@hotmail.com
Subject: Confirmation of request for data for 2018 regarding dog bites

Hi Wendy
As requested, I'm sending this confirmation I received your telephone call.
Regards

<https://outlook.live.com/mail/0/search/id/AQMkADAwATYwMAkZDZl1jZmVhLTAwA0wMAQARgAAAmYmYz%2F8wEZNsKL%2B5YfJv6kHwEKau...> 1/1

Submission Information

Within my submission I include letters received from Ministers regarding dog control.

In the first letter shown the Minister says:-

'In my view, good law is only one of several things needed to improve safety around dogs. Other vital aspects are consistent enforcement of the law, good public understanding of the issues and responsible dog ownership.

I am currently looking into ways to improve public safety around dogs and intend to pursue a strategy for dog control that will emphasise responsible dog ownership and sharing of best practices between local authorities'.

I would like to know how this strategy is going - Hon Weka Whaitiri - please?

There are other letters and ACC dog bite injury statistics for 2007 - 2017 (with submission). I also include some photos of uncontrolled dogs. One of these was in a playground in 2019. I am very proactive in working with councils to get better signage regarding dog control installed @ reserve / playground areas. Included is a photo of new signage installed at the playground where the uncontrolled dog was.

I pride myself that I care about dog control because I want to prevent dog bite injuries happening. But there needs to be a national campaign that Government needs to implement please regarding better enter dog control practice

Hon Meka Whaitiri

MP for Ikaroa-Rāwhiti
Minister of Customs

Associate Minister of Agriculture
Associate Minister for Crown & Māori Relations
Associate Minister of Local Government



14 FEB 2018

Wendy Joy Baker
wendyjoybaker-poet@hotmail.com

Tēnā koe Ms Baker

Thank you for your emails about matters to do with dog control. I read the materials you provided with great interest, and note that you have suffered from the effects of a dog attack. I hope you have made a full recovery. Also, congratulations on your success at the World Masters Games 2017.

Dog control is a complex issue, which requires balancing the rights and responsibilities of dog owners with the public's right to safety. Councils already have a wide range of powers to respond to complaints and enforce dog owner responsibilities: owners can be fined or prosecuted if their dogs are not adequately controlled or if their dog attacks a person, animal or protected wildlife.



In my view, good law is only one of several things needed to improve safety around dogs. Other vital aspects are consistent enforcement of the law, good public understanding of the issues and responsible dog ownership. I am currently looking into ways to improve public safety around dogs and intend to pursue a strategy for dog control that will emphasise responsible dog ownership and the sharing of best practices between local authorities.



Thank you again for writing.

Heoi anō

Hon Meka Whaitiri
Associate Minister of Local Government

09/03/2020

December 2019 Ministers letter.jpg

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

MP for Hauraki-Māhūke
Minister for Māori Development
Minister of Local Government

Associate Minister for the Environment
Associate Minister of Housing (Māori housing)
Associate Minister for Trade and Export Growth



17 DEC 2019

Wendy Baker
wendy.baker-paul@hotmail.com

Tēnā koe Wendy

Thank you for your email of 25 November 2019 updating me on your work of advocating for better dog control in New Zealand.

As I have stated previously, councils have a wide range of powers to respond to complaints and enforce dog owner responsibility. I am pleased to see you are engaging with local councils on suggesting improvements on matters relating to dog control, including putting up appropriate dog control signs in local parks. I encourage you to continue working together with local councils to promote better dog control in our communities.

I also appreciate your poem *Advocating For a Cause*, and I would like to commend you for your ongoing dedication on advocating for better dog control and wish you the best in your future endeavours.

Thank you again for writing.

Māi Kaitiaki, me ngā mihi o te tau hou

Nanaia Mahuta

Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Minister of Local Government

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Office of Hon Jacqui Dean

Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Minister for Small Business

Associate Minister for ACC
Associate Minister of Local Government

21 JUN 2017

Wendy Baker
wendyjoybaker-poet@hotmail.com

Dear Wendy

Thank you for your emails of 23 and 25 May 2017 about dog control, dog control signage at council parks, and correspondence you have received from others concerned about these issues.

It is great to see you actively spreading the message about safety around dogs. One of the main ways to reduce dog attacks and increase public safety is increased public education. This includes signage at public parks to remind dog owners of their responsibilities.

As you know, I am working on changes to our dog control laws to reduce the incidence of severe dog attacks. I appreciate the time you have put into gathering information to assist with that work.

Thank you again for writing.

Kind regards

Hon Jacqui Dean
Associate Minister of Local Government

I assure you that the Government and I are committed to ensuring that New Zealand's laws, alongside effective enforcement and responsible dog ownership, make people feel safe in our communities.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely



Hon Louise Upston
Associate Minister of Local Government



Office of Hon Jacqui Dean

Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Minister for Small Business

Associate Minister for ACC
Associate Minister of Local Government

20 MAR 2017

Wendy Joy Baker
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Dear Wendy

Thank you for your email to Hon Louise Upston of 22 February 2017. I am responding as the issues you raise relate to my portfolio responsibilities as the recently appointed Associate Minister for Local Government.

You wrote about your experiences with dog control and the Southland District Council. I was interested to read about your efforts to improve dog safety in your region. It is clear you care a lot about your community and its safety.

I am continuing work on the national action plan to reduce the risk and harm of dog attacks, which was announced in late 2016. As you may know, public education on dog safety is a key part of this plan. The Government will be working with local government and non-government organisations to develop a campaign that educates dog owners about being socially responsible and teaches all New Zealanders how to keep ourselves and our children safe around dogs.

The Government will also be working with local government to review and improve guidance for councils on best practice in dog control. I expect the improved guidance will include up-to-date information for councils and animal control officers about the use of the enforcement tools councils have available to them. I am encouraging councils to share information and insights, about dog control with each other, for the benefit of their communities.

I encourage you and anyone else who sees owners and dogs not complying with local dog bylaws to contact the Council with your concerns.

Thank you again for writing. I hope this information is helpful.

Kind regards

Hon Jacqui Dean
Associate Minister of Local Government

Table 1: Count of claims relating to dog bites broken down by injury scene from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2017.

Scene	Count of claims				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Commercial / Service Location	467	506	511	538	576
Farm	228	218	212	198	186
Home	7,980	7,933	8,266	8,644	9,208
Industrial Place	102	86	94	114	113
Not Obtainable	33	41	36	37	70
Other	1,778	1,671	1,834	1,888	1,861
Place of Medical Treatment	19	14	21	19	20
Place of Recreation or Sports	856	831	939	950	1,010
Road or Street	1,424	1,453	1,416	1,526	1,626
School	38	41	48	35	49
Grand total	12,925	12,794	13,377	13,949	14,719

* } Public places.
* } school

Notes

The data have been extracted based on the following criteria:

The claim date is between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2017.

The claim cover decision is equal to 'Accepted', 'Interim Accept', 'Pending Accept'.

The dog bite indicator is equal to 'Yes'.

A calendar year is 1 January to 31 December.

Data were extracted on the 19 March 2018 and may differ if a re-run at a later date.

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ACC statistics - dog bite injuries

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Additional information

Included are some articles showing my proactive initiative on trying to bring more awareness to better dog control in New Zealand. I have also given leads away to some dog owners to encourage them use in relevant areas. It is important for people to know about the Dog Control Act 'obligations of Dog owners' and also that Dog owners must always carry a lead with them when walking their dog.

This is why a National Campaign is necessary please. Dog Owners need to be more aware & caring regarding dog control anywhere at anytime.

There are also concerns about barking & rushing incidents which are recorded on Council annual reports (under Section 10A of Dog Control Act councils are required to complete a report available to the public).

There are some good dog owners who are responsible but there are some that are not.

Also with my submission I have included some weblinks to other general articles regarding dog attacks and also an article about a young girl that has a petition about dog control concerns / attacks.

I also include a list of NZ Herald articles (past) regarding dog attacks / concerns.

Lastly there is a letter from Internal Affairs 2017 CEO who says 'I understand your concerns about the unacceptable number of dog attacks in New Zealand. Kind Regards Wendy Laker.'

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The Nation's Local News

Tauranga woman pushes for better dog control in NZ

4:00pm Wednesday 20 Nov, 2019 | By Alisha Evans alisha@thesun.co.nz



Wendy Baker with a sign she encouraged a council to install. Supplied image.

A Tauranga woman is on a mission to improve dog control in New Zealand.

Wendy Baker has raised a petition to parliament requesting the government take serious action to reduce dog attacks.

She's been advocating for dog control since 2009.

"I've been concerned and campaigning for a better New Zealand as far as dog control is concerned since 2009.

"I consider myself to be an advocate for better dog control in New Zealand."

Wendy says there are too many dog bite injuries in New Zealand every year.

In 2018, ACC statistics show there were 13,954 claims related to dog bites and 14,654 in 2017.

"Every year there are thousands of dog bite injury claims. My petition asks that the government initiates a national education campaign regarding responsible and safe dog control."

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Plea to respect dog rules

By MELANIE CAMOIN
news@whiheadle.co.nz

Waihi Beach residents are delivering the message to dog owners: Control your pet in public places.

Dogs are prohibited in the scenic reserve of Orokawa and Homunga Bay, a DOC sign at the north end of the beach says.

The sign was installed last September but locals say many disregard it. Waihi Beach resident Ian Robinson says seeing dogs in the scenic reserve is no surprise to him.

"In the Orokawa Reserve they are in there all the time. I have not been there very often lately but I remember that it is not unusual to see a dog around the corner, 20m ahead of the owners."

"It is a walkway for the public, not for dogs. Why do I have to put up with dogs?" he says.

The DOC sign was installed after former resident Wendy Baker pointed out the issue to the Department of Conservation.

"Orokawa Reserve is a no-dog zone by law," she says.

There were 4720 dogs registered in the whole Western Bay district between June 30 2016-17, and 170 classified as menacing — breeds and behaviours.

Twenty-two attacks on people were reported districtwide in 2016-17.

Wendy, who is a keen runner, was attacked by a loose dog while exercising in a reserve a few years back.

She has started a battle to educate dog owners.

"I encourage owners to be more responsible and considerate by running their dogs in the allocated areas and keeping them under control, on the leash."

In 10 years, the number of ACC claims on dog-related injuries in recreational and sports places has nearly doubled nationwide, from 533 in 2007 to 949 in 2016.

But most injuries are "minor" — an ACC



Wendy Baker is leading a battle on dog control. She pushed to have this sign installed at Waihi's Gilmour Lake reserve.

she says.

The council reviewed its 2011 Dog Control Bylaw and Policy tightening the rules for dog owners, two years ago.

Dogs must be kept on leash in the Waihi Beach village (Wilson Rd) and in the Island View reserve between October and March due to birds nesting.

They are prohibited along the whole beach in summer between 9am to 7pm, from the third Wednesday of December to February 7 included.

Dogs are also banned from all the scenic reserves and playgrounds.

Council has allocated a year-round dog

exercise area in town, between Alhacore Ave and Plum Rd (stretch of beach between Waihi Beach and Bowentown).

Ian knows dog control is an emotional topic to owners but asks them to respect the rules.

"Nearly every morning, I see dogs on the loose. It does not matter where you go at Waihi Beach. I see them running around, pooping here or there and they [owners] take no notice."

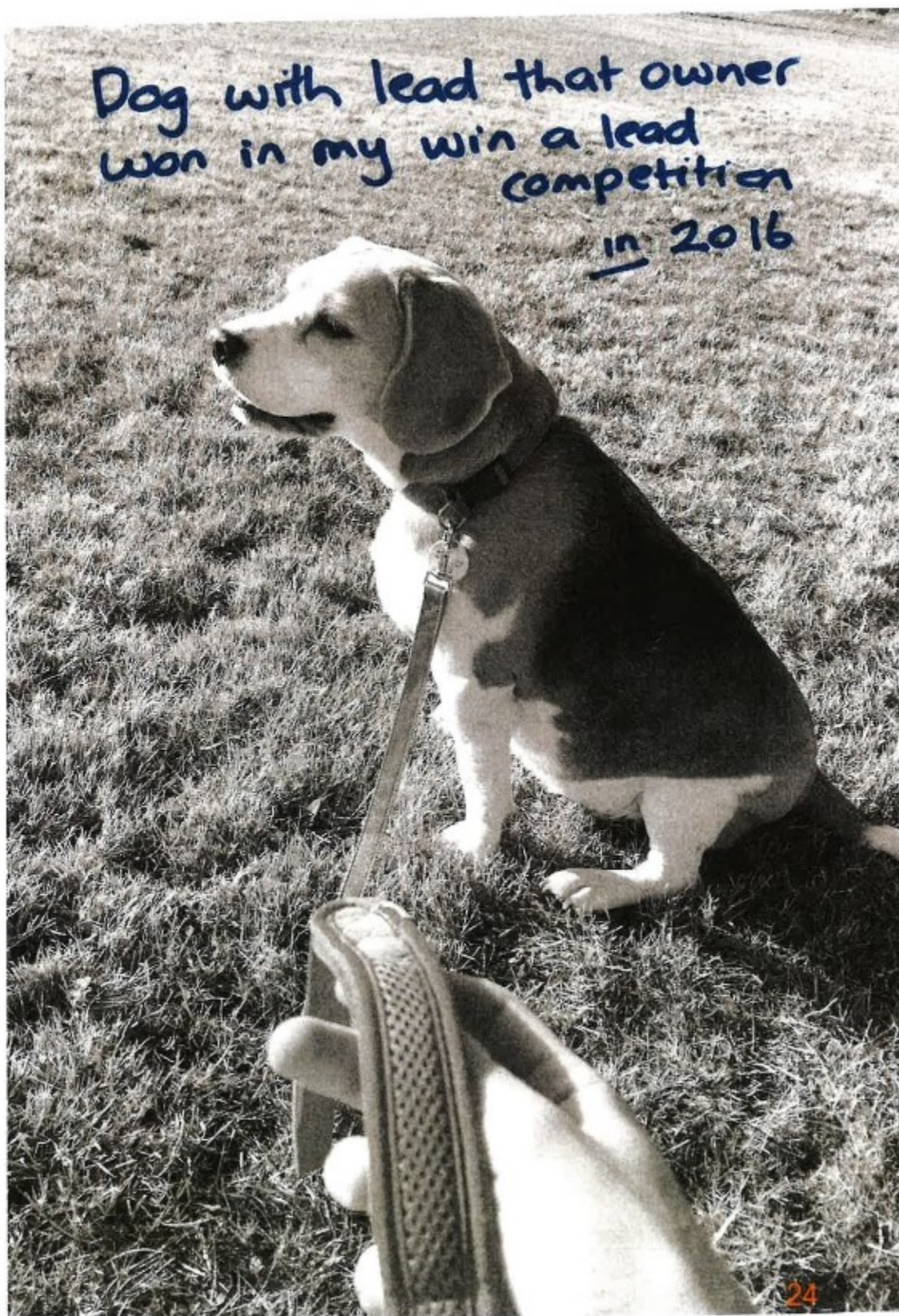
Fines up to \$20,000 and infringement notices of \$300 can be issued for breaching the bylaw and policy in Western Bay.

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The New Zealand Herald

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The New Zealand Herald

Thursday December 29, 2016
Dangerous dog impounded after child attacked
Thursday December 22, 2016
More than 1500 complaints despite dog ban
Sunday December 4, 2016
Proposals to reduce dog harm
Saturday November 26, 2016
Editorial: Tougher stance on dangerous dogs
Tuesday November 8, 2016
NZ police dog accidentally attacks Mosgiel constable instead of offender
Friday October 28, 2016
Dog that attacked 6-year-old boy to be returned to owners
Friday September 30, 2016
Sheep mauled and killed by dog
Sunday September 25, 2016
Kerre McIvor: Let's defuse canine time bombs
Saturday September 24, 2016
Officers save Prince from dog attack
Monday June 20, 2016
The big battle to save Boris
Wednesday June 8, 2016
Man faces charges after Gisborne boy attacked by dogs
Tuesday June 7, 2016
Gisborne boy attacked by dogs released from hospital
Thursday May 12, 2016
Family pet that attacked baby girl to be put down
Wednesday May 4, 2016
Elderly woman seriously injured in dog attack
Sunday May 1, 2016
'He was a nice dog but he was naughty for biting me'
Tuesday April 26, 2016
Alan Duff: Best stand up to life's thugs
Friday April 15, 2016
Editorial: Dog ownership carries heavy duty of care
Thursday April 14, 2016
Raybon Kan: Too many excuses for vicious dogs
Expert: Hit owners hard when dogs attack
Thursday March 31, 2016
Watch: Dog attack victim stands his ground (0:45)
Tuesday January 26, 2016
Dog attacks worst in city's south
Sunday January 10, 2016
Dogs, bugs and birds attack posties
Sunday November 22, 2015
Attack dogs set on HNZ meth tester
Friday November 6, 2015
Elderly couple attacked by pit bull
Thursday October 15, 2015
Dogs put down after latest attack
Friday August 7, 2015
Editorial: Owners key to reducing dog attacks

<http://www.nzherald.co.nz/dog-attacks/news/archive.cfm?id=575>

Research
(Information printed out
by Wendy Jay Baker
Advocate for dog control/safety
& education in NZ)

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- Mastiff turns on tot trying to pat it
Tuesday July 2, 2013
- Far North District Council seizes dogs after attack
Thursday June 27, 2013
- Autistic man attacked by dogs
Wednesday June 19, 2013
- Two 'death row' dogs on the loose
Friday June 14, 2013
- Dog attack victim livid that dog is back on streets
Thursday June 13, 2013
- Attack dog dragged bed towards contractor
Saturday June 8, 2013
- New bylaw aims to reduce dog attacks
Thursday June 6, 2013
- Child suffers facial injuries in Auckland dog attack
Woman hospitalised after dogs attack
Wednesday June 5, 2013
- Dangerous dog stolen from under officer's nose
Tuesday June 4, 2013
- Dog attack: Council yet to decide on pet's fate
Boy, 5, bitten on face by family pit bull
Tuesday May 28, 2013
- Third penguin mauled by dog
Monday May 13, 2013
- Dog owner faces prosecution after attack
Thursday April 11, 2013
- Woman jailed over pitbull attack on toddler
Sunday March 31, 2013
- Attack not the first for killer dogs
Monday February 18, 2013
- Sentencing adjourned in dog attack case
Thursday January 31, 2013
- Guilty plea after woman's dog attacks toddler
Wednesday January 23, 2013
- Pitbull owner in court over toddler's injuries
Monday January 14, 2013
- Stevie fearful of dogs one year after attack
Monday December 17, 2012
- Pit bull attacks toddler
Thursday December 6, 2012
- Dogs involved in Otaki attack to be destroyed
Saturday December 1, 2012
- Baby hospitalised after dog attack
Thursday October 25, 2012
- Four attack dogs destroyed
Sunday August 19, 2012
- Mum defends dog after attack
Wednesday August 8, 2012
- Bitten boy's mum fumes as dog owner walks free
Monday July 16, 2012
- Wendyl wants to know... whose dog killed my chickens?
Sunday July 15, 2012
- Rescuer savaged by pitbull recovering
Wednesday July 4, 2012
- Seven-year-old mauled by neighbour's dog
Tuesday April 24, 2012
- Attack victim: 'Dog tried to eat me'
Friday April 20, 2012
- Pet dog that bit boy remains with owners for now
Thursday April 19, 2012
- Mum: Son did 'nothing to aggravate' dog
Spooked dog savages young camper
Thursday April 12, 2012
- Dog on death row after teen's attack

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Mother of dog attack victim hits out at animal activist Bardot
Tuesday July 26, 2011
Dog savages 4-year-old boy
Friday July 15, 2011
Dog attack victim 'in good spirits'
➤ Cop's dogs savage 6-year-old boy
Thursday July 14, 2011
Dogs destroyed after boy, 6, savaged
Sunday July 10, 2011
➤ Banning dog breeds 'no answer'
Dog attack on baby one of the worst
Dog attack family wants \$50,000 reparation
Sunday June 5, 2011
A dogged fight
➤ Little dog's bite has big impact
➤ Kerre Woodham: Mongrels and their mutts
Monday May 30, 2011
Surgery needed after dog attack
Another call to ban dangerous dogs
Sunday May 29, 2011
Toddlers savaged by dogs
Father's heart-felt message to victims
Saturday May 28, 2011
4-year-old girl attacked by dog
Wednesday May 25, 2011
Pitbull attack scalps woman
Tuesday May 24, 2011
Hero sister, 5, saves baby from pitbull
Friday May 13, 2011
Shelley Bridgeman: Dog owners shirking their responsibilities
Sunday May 8, 2011
Family pets lead attacks
Sunday April 24, 2011
Bull mastiff mauls 7-year-old
Dog no danger says owner, but victim's dad disagrees
Tuesday April 19, 2011
Dog takes chunk of child's face
Sunday April 17, 2011
Dog maulings on the rise
Sunday April 3, 2011
Dog attacks go past 300
Thursday March 17, 2011
Police warn against teasing dogs after drunk man bitten
Saturday February 5, 2011
Baby attacked by dog
Tuesday January 11, 2011
Dogs kill tourist in Malaysia
Sunday December 26, 2010
Bite victim still dog-lover
Friday December 24, 2010
Tolaga Bay man savaged by pig dogs
Wednesday September 1, 2010
Two injured in separate dog attacks
Sunday July 25, 2010
Dog bite was 'all my fault'
Saturday July 24, 2010
'Blood was just pouring out' - rottweiler tears off shop worker's lip
Thursday July 15, 2010
Pitbull victim's face of courage
Tuesday July 13, 2010
Pitbull attack puts boy in hospital
Saturday May 22, 2010
Good turn earns police dog bite
Monday May 10, 2010

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Tuesday January 22, 2008
Christchurch girls attacked by dog
Thursday January 17, 2008
Dog owner to pay \$3500 to injured girl's family
Sunday January 13, 2008
Kerre Woodham : Crims bottom of surgery list
Thursday November 15, 2007
Third kiwi killing angers Stewart Islanders
Thursday November 1, 2007
Castration, death for danger dogs in proposed law changes
Wednesday October 31, 2007
Tighter dog control laws only beginning - Kennel Club
Thursday September 6, 2007
Laughs turn to screams as dog bites party girl
Wednesday August 29, 2007
Baby girl mauled
Monday August 20, 2007
Gifts ease pain for girl mauled by dog
Saturday August 18, 2007
Mauled toddler's mum asks police not to charge dog owners
Saturday August 11, 2007
Dog-control critics attack microchips
'Eye contact' likely cause for dog attacks
Judge dogs on deeds, not breeds, say anti-ban vets
Thursday August 9, 2007
Owner of family pet that tore into 2-year-old in park could face prison
Editorial: More bans on breeds no answer
Wednesday August 8, 2007
Dog owners try to cool attack anger
Latest incident brings back horrific memories for family
Tuesday August 7, 2007
Clark: Dangerous dogs give me the creeps
How can we stop dog attacks?
Girl was 'like a doll in dog's mouth'
Monday August 6, 2007
Girl, 2, mauled by dog
Sunday August 5, 2007
Star's dogs kill caretaker
Thursday July 26, 2007
Preschooler's face bitten by pit bull cross
Thursday July 5, 2007
Owner let killer dogs loose
Wednesday July 4, 2007
Owner of killer dogs pleads guilty
Thursday June 14, 2007
NSW woman dies after suspected dog attack
Wednesday June 13, 2007
No plea from man charged over fatal dog attack
Saturday June 9, 2007
Pitbull owner gets community work
Friday June 8, 2007
Owner of dogs that attacked children now has cat
Thursday June 7, 2007
Man charged after fatal Murupara dog attack
Saturday May 19, 2007
'Dog whisperer' ready to straighten out the mongrels
Friday May 11, 2007
Kevin Stafford: Control dog-owners, too
Thursday May 10, 2007
Swoop nets 11 unregistered dogs in South Auckland
Wednesday May 9, 2007
Photos: Pitbull-cross seized after woman attacked
Nanaia Mahuta: Pet owners must exercise restraint
Tuesday May 8, 2007

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Reported dog attacks drop for 5th year in row

Friday September 8, 2006

Dog attacks a constant fear on mail round

Thursday September 7, 2006

NZ Post fed up with uncontrolled dogs

Monday August 21, 2006

Attacks put two police dogs in surgery

Sunday July 9, 2006

Farm manager ordered to remove dogs after attacks

Friday July 7, 2006

Dog to be destroyed after attack

Saturday June 24, 2006

Editorial: Pain in the neck for all parties

Friday June 23, 2006

Tanczos wild card saved farm dogs from microchip

Dog officer says law a farce

Thursday June 22, 2006

Microchip law: Green rebellion saves farm dogs

Wednesday June 21, 2006

6700 microchip petitioners howling at the moon

Wednesday June 14, 2006

Dead dog penalty clause a fine mess, says kennel club

Friday June 2, 2006

'Bark up' protest at microchipping

Friday May 26, 2006

Ex-police inspector fined for his dog's attack

Thursday May 25, 2006

Dog's carer sentenced for attack

Friday May 19, 2006

Dog mauls cat to death then savages neighbour

Wednesday May 17, 2006

Toddlers mauled in pack dog-attack

Tuesday May 9, 2006

Boy nearly loses ear in attack by dog

Dog put down after attack on cyclist

Wednesday April 12, 2006

Why council didn't prosecute attack dog's owner

* Dog attacks leave 35 sheep dead on regional park farm

Saturday April 8, 2006

Flesh 'literally dangling' from girl, 10, after dog attack

Thursday March 30, 2006

Garth George: Forced to take the dog out for an exercise in futility

Wednesday March 29, 2006

Editorial: Forget this nonsense, for all dogs

Wednesday March 8, 2006

Dangerous dogs face bullet

Babies more at risk of dog bites

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Dear Ms Baker

Dog control in New Zealand

Thank you for your letter dated 14 August 2017 to Colin MacDonald, Chief Executive Department Internal Affairs, regarding dog control in New Zealand.



I understand your concerns about the unacceptable number of dog attacks in New Zealand. As you are aware, the rising number of dog attacks was the catalyst for the Government's launch of the national strategy to reduce the risk and harm of dog attacks in 2016. As part of the strategy, a bill amending the Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act) is expected to be introduced in the next parliamentary term. I encourage you to submit on the bill when it is considered by a select committee.

As you noted, territorial authorities send their annual reports under section 10A of the Act to Colin MacDonald as the Secretary of Local Government. Councils also typically make these reports available to communities to improve the transparency of local dog control policies and enforcement. This is consistent with the accountability of councils to their communities under the Local Government Act 2002.

Territorial authorities vary in the level of detail they include in their section 10A reports. If you have concerns about a territorial authority's approach to reporting, or the conduct of council staff, I suggest you contact that council directly. However, bear in mind that the reports are most effectively used to identify trends within individual councils and communities over different years, rather than to compare the performance of different councils.

Regarding the council reviews of dog control bylaws, I note that the timing for reviews is established under the Local Government Act 2002, and is in line with the timing for reviews of bylaws generally. Ten years is the maximum period a council can go without reviewing their bylaw. Councils can review their bylaw earlier if they consider there is a need to do so, including any change in their local circumstances.



12 December 2016

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Wendy's involvement in community work has been wide spread, she has been active in athletics, Surf Life Saving and advocating for dog control measures to name a few. *

People like Wendy are rare and the great pity is that society would be so much better off if we had more like her.

I can sincerely recommend Wendy to any employer or community group who are looking for someone who will be a great employee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

BJ Clark
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Hello

Attached is my submission relevant to my Petition:

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/petitions/document/PET_78067/petition-of-wendy-baker-make-new-zealand-a-safer-country

Petition of Wendy Baker: Make New Zealand a safer country regarding dog control - New Zealand Parliament

Petition reason. Dog bite injury claims, as per ACC statistics, have totaled 135,556 (2007-2017) in NZ. There have been 8,388 dog bite injuries in places of recreation or sport and 15,000 in road or street areas.

www.parliament.nz

Below are also weblinks which I would like put with my submission too please.

Look forward to your reply.

Thank you

Kind regards

Wendy Baker

<https://www.timarucourier.co.nz/news/state-of-signs-sparks-call/>

State of signs sparks call | Timaru Courier

by Alexia Johnston Faded and defaced signs relating to Timaru's dog bylaws have prompted a visitor to take her concerns to the district council. Wendy Joy Baker, of the Catlins, was in Timaru for the South Island Masters Games last week when she discovered the signs, one of which she believed had faded, and another marked with graffiti.

www.timarucourier.co.nz

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/the-country/news/article.cfm?c_id=16&objectid=12270742

Hawke's Bay: Nine-year-old's impassioned plea for law change around dog control gains traction

Petition to change dog control laws in New Zealand gains traction.

www.nzherald.co.nz

Also below article which is in NZ Herald today.

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12227285

Doctors call for action after dog attack injuries jump by almost half - NZ Herald

New Zealand's injury rate from serious dog attacks has soared since the 1990s, and doctors who are treating the victims are calling for action. A new study in today's NZ Medical Journal has found ...

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and some other weblinks to discuss:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/southland-times/news/104616907/dog-attack-victim-suffered-more-than-60-puncture-wounds>

Dog attack victim suffered more than 60 puncture wounds | Stuff.co.nz

Photos of a vicious dog attack on an autistic man show him with his hands on his head moments before two rottweilers attacked. Oliver Beaumont, a 22-year-old autistic man who was mauled in Winton ...

www.stuff.co.nz

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/southland-times/108924227/teen-female-injured-in-dog-attack-in-invercargill>

Attack by two dogs on teen female investigated in Invercargill | Stuff.co.nz

An attack on a teen by two dogs in Invercargill is under investigation. Invercargill City Council dog control has seized two dogs in relation to an attack on a teenage girl on Tuesday night.

www.stuff.co.nz

<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2020/03/7yo-auckland-student-has-chunks-of-flesh-ripped-from-him-after-dog-attack.html>

7yo Auckland student has 'chunks of flesh' ripped from him after dog attack

The school is now asking students to avoid one of its entrances.

www.newshub.co.nz

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12303548

Tourist viciously attacked by two dogs, search warrant needed to find the animals - NZ Herald

On an afternoon walk three weeks ago, he said he was about 20m from the dogs, walking perpendicular to them. The dogs were racing between their owner and a child at Bruce Pullman Park, when one of ...

www.nzherald.co.nz

<https://www.odt.co.nz/star-news/star-christchurch/dog-attack-data-shows-very-few-owners-ever-prosecuted>

Dog attack data shows very few owners ever prosecuted | Star News - odt.co.nz

Of the 1034 dog attacks reported to Christchurch City Council last year, only one resulted in the owner facing prosecution. Data from the city...

www.odt.co.nz



1 October 2019

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Wendy's involvement in community work is wide spread and diverse, she has been active in many areas including Sports, Charity/Volunteer events, Arts and Culture displays, and advocating for causes to try and help make NZ a better place.

People like Wendy are rare and the great pity is that society would be so much better off if we had more caring and dedicated people like her. This year the RSA acknowledged Wendy's good work over the last decade, and I personally presented her with a Royal NZ RSA Certificate of Appreciation.

I would sincerely recommend Wendy to any employer or community group who are looking for a hardworking, passionate and loyal employee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Yours faithfully

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17 DEC 2019

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Tēnā koe Wendy

Thank you for your email of 25 November 2019 updating me on your work of advocating for better dog control in New Zealand.

As I have stated previously, councils have a wide range of powers to respond to complaints and enforce dog owner responsibility. I am pleased to see you are engaging with local councils on suggesting improvements on matters relating to dog control, including putting up appropriate dog control signs in local parks. I encourage you to continue working together with local councils to promote better dog control in our communities.

I also appreciate your poem *Advocating For a Cause*, and I would like to commend you for your ongoing dedication on advocating for better dog control and wish you the best in your future endeavours.

Thank you again for writing.

Meri Kirihimete, me ngā mihi o te tau hou

Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Minister of Local Government