

**Statement of Proposal****Kaipara District Policy on Dogs and Dog Management Bylaw: Summary**

The Dog Control Act 1996 requires the Council to have in place a Policy on Dogs and Dog Management Bylaw to give effect to the Policy. The Bylaws are made under the Local Government Act 2002 which means that they have to be reviewed at a given interval. The Bylaws are now due to be reviewed. In accordance with the requirements of the Dog Control Act 1996 the Policy is also up for review at the same time.

Council's current Policy on Dogs and Dog Management Bylaw were adopted in December 2004 in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996. In 2006, changes to the Dog Control Act 1996 were introduced to clarify the legislation and to direct local authorities on Policy and Bylaw reviews. Council is required to amend the Kaipara District Policy on Dogs to reflect those changes. The Council is required to amend its Bylaw to give effect to the amendment, no more than 60 days after its adoption.

Amendments that are proposed include:

- Updating of the infringement and fees table.
- Council stance on menacing dogs entering the District.
- Controlling the number of dogs permitted by treating any property less than one hectare as urban, regardless of location.
- The inclusion of all foreshore reserves areas in Mangawhai into a leash only area.
- General administrative procedures on fees, registration, unregistered dogs, issuing of infringement notices, waiver for first time offence, and impounding.

Additional prohibited and leash control areas may be identified as a result of public consultation.

Kaipara District Council welcomes your written submissions on the Proposed Kaipara District Policy on Dogs. A copy of the proposed Policy and Bylaw, the full Statement of Proposal and submission forms may be obtained through Council offices 42 Hokianga Road, Dargaville and State Highway 1, Kaiwaka, telephone 0800 727 059, e-mail [council@kaipara.govt.nz](mailto:council@kaipara.govt.nz). Copies can also be viewed at the District libraries. Submissions close on Tuesday 21 April 2009.