



Media release

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New Dog Bylaw Approved

Following extensive public consultation and the consideration of a large number of submissions the Selwyn District Council has approved a new dog control bylaw.

The bylaw allows for the use of reserves for dogs to be exercised off a leash, when they are not in use for sporting or other public events. The Council hopes the changes will result in the greater use of reserves at such times.

Although a number of submitters did not support the change, the Council believes that the bylaw strikes a reasonable balance in the use of public areas by sporting bodies and other users and the large number of dog owners (over 6,000) in the District.

Under the bylaw, dogs will be prohibited from areas within reserves when they are being used for public events. This includes all marked playing fields and a five metre perimeter around them.

To address the potential issue of dog fouling, a number of other actions will be taken in conjunction with the proposed changes – including additional signage, waste bins, low-tolerance stance to enforcement, education and monitoring.

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