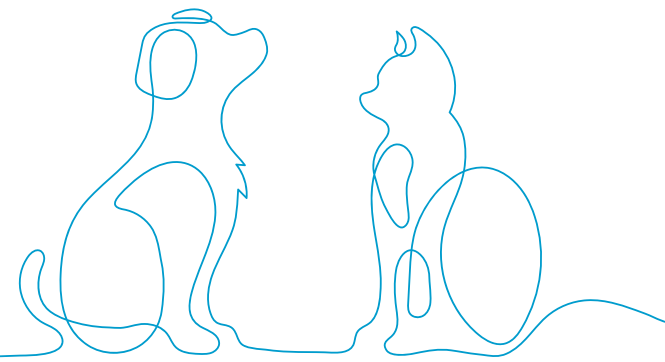




Introduction

Every four years, all Victorian councils are required to develop a Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) as a requirement of the Domestic Animal Management Act (1994). The DAMP provides a framework for planning, developing, and evaluating animal management services and programs that councils provide. It ensures these services comply with the Act's regulations.

The DAMP aims to foster animal welfare and responsible pet ownership, creating a community where people and pets coexist peacefully and respectfully. It addresses several key aspects:

- Training programs for authorised officers
- Strategies for promoting responsible pet ownership
- Ensuring effective animal management
- Reducing dog attack risks and minimising nuisance complaints
- Encouraging pet registrations
- Reviewing and updating local laws related to animal management.

To ensure that the revised DAMP reflects a wide range of community perspectives, we're seeking feedback on how we can improve domestic animal management in the Bayside area.

As part of the implementation of the current DAMP, we are also reviewing dog off leash restrictions at Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary and all beaches within Bayside. We want to understand the views of all beach users on how beach restrictions can be fair for all and easy to understand.

Our challenges

We need to protect Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary and review dog walking restrictions on all beaches in the Bayside area. Currently, the restrictions regarding dogs on beaches are inconsistent and community members tell us they can be hard to understand.



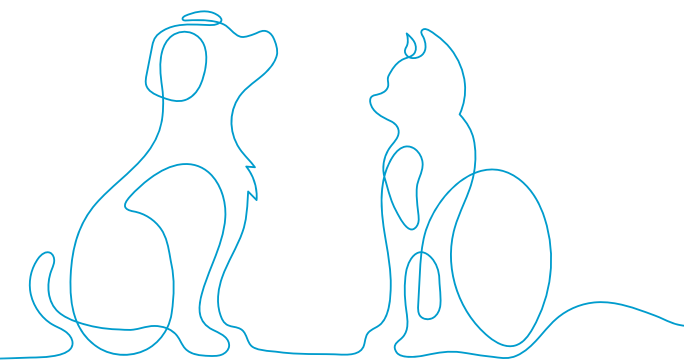
How can we make beach restrictions fair and clear for all users and protect sensitive environments?

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How can the DAMP be improved to promote the safety and welfare of our pets, people and environment within current resources?





Success measures

Objectives for the engagement on dog restrictions on beaches

	Hear from a diverse range of beach users
	Understand the range of views held by beach users on dog restrictions
	Understand what would make beach restrictions fair, safe and easy to understand for all
	Meet Council's obligations to protect the Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary.

Objectives for the engagement on the revision of the Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP)

	To hear from a broad range of Bayside residents
	Understand the perspectives of people who own dogs and/or cats and those who don't
	Understand how council can best support responsible animal ownership and effective control
	Promote the role of the DAMP in domestic animal management.



Level of influence and promise

We will follow the principles of the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2), this engagement aims to

Involve

Or “**work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.**”

We promise, and are committed to:

Listening to your concerns and aspirations, ensuring they are considered

We will provide transparent, regular progress update during finalisation of our decisions

We will work with you to ensure your concerns and aspirations are reflected in our decisions

We will ensure that the diverse voices of Bayside are represented.

Scope of the engagement

Dog restrictions on beaches

Negotiable



How we address consistency in dog restrictions

How we use signage to ensure that restrictions are well understood

How we ensure that beach access and restrictions are fair and clear for all

Non-negotiable



Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary must be protected

On and off leash restrictions in other parts of the municipality (not beaches)

Council's requirement to enforce and administer Local Laws and Domestic Animals Act 1994, including administration of pet registration and management of dangerous dogs

Review of the Domestic Animal Management Plan

Negotiable



Controls to ensure responsible pet ownership in public areas

Education programs and activities to encourage responsible pet ownership and improve animal management

Actions to increase safety of all users in dog off-leash areas

Methods to encourage early registration of animals

Improvements for both pet owners and community reporting animal related issues

Non-negotiable



Requirements under legislation to develop a new DAMP and deliver existing actions

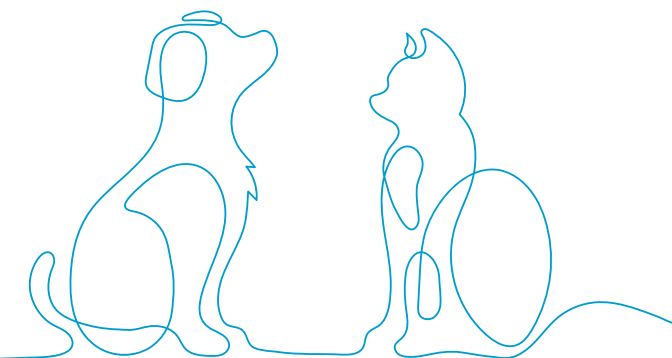
Councils' legislative requirements in the management of domestic animals

Requirement for people caring for pets and domestic animals to ensure their pets are kept safe and healthy and that they comply with relevant local and state legislation.

The provision to require cat containment has already been passed by Council as part of the implementations of the previous DAMP

The DAMP cannot change local laws it can only recommend review

The DAMP does not have any means to provide infrastructure or amenities related to domestic animals (such as off leash parks, waste bags, bins etc)



Roadmap for engagement

