

1. SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DOG CONTROL ACT 1996

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Council that submissions have been called for on the proposed changes to the Dog Control Act 1996.

It was intended to report the proposed changes to the Act to the Regulatory and Consents Committee at its meeting on 13 June 2003. However, the Council has been recently advised that the closing date for submissions would preclude the Council's approval of any submissions prior to that date. More information on the proposed changes is available on www.dia.govt.nz.

The Local Government New Zealand Dog Control Project Team, which has Mark Vincent (Team Leader Animal Control) from this Council as a member, is drafting a submission. This submission will be supplied to all territorial authorities for their use as they wish. It is indicated that this may not be available until after 13 June 2003 but it may be useful to determine overall local government views. This Council would therefore need to prepare its own submissions before that date to meet the timetable suggested.

In light of the timeframe for this matter it is suggested that the Regulatory and Consents Committee be delegated power to approve a submission on behalf of the Council. This submission would be forwarded to the Select Committee by the due date of 20 June 2003.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Regulatory and Consents Committee be delegated power to prepare and make a submission on behalf of the Council on changes to the Dog Control Act 1996 by 20 June 2003.
 2. That all Councillors be invited to attend the Regulatory and Consents Committee meeting on 13 June 2003 for the purpose of providing input into the Council's submission.