

9. THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY ANIMALS (OTHER THAN DOGS) BYLAW 2000

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The purpose of this report is to commence the process of adopting a new bylaw for the control of animals, other than dogs, in the City.

At present the Council administers the bylaws of the five local authorities which were amalgamated in 1989 to form the present Christchurch City Council. These former bylaws, while still in force, are now outdated. They also apply different rules to different areas of the district presently administered by the present Council. In the interests of administrative efficiency it is considered necessary to introduce a new bylaw which applies citywide.

The new bylaw is considerably simpler than the previous bylaws. In the main this is due to the fact that, since those earlier bylaws were made, central government legislation has now regulated, many of the matters which were the subject of those bylaws. That legislation includes the Animal Welfare Act 1999, and the Building Act 1991.

The bylaw provides that it will come into force on the 1st day of November 2000.

Recommendation: That the bylaw be put before the Council at its meeting on 24 August 2000 to commence the Special Order procedure for confirmation at the meeting of the Council on 28 September 2000

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Recommendation: That the Special Order procedure to implement the Bylaw be commenced.