

ALTERNATE MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAMMOND

ITEM NUMBER: DIS202

ITEM TITLE: DOG EXERCISE AREA-EMU POINT WESTERN SWIMMING BEACH

DATE & TIME RECEIVED: MONDAY 16 MARCH AT 10.05AM

DIS202: ALTERNATE MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAMMOND
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

THAT:

1. Council **ACKNOWLEDGES** the petition received requesting Council review the current Dog Exercise, Prohibited and Rural Leashing Areas Policy, specifically that the section of Emu Point Western Swimming Beach adjacent to Cunningham Street **no longer** be designated as a Dog Exercise Area.
2. The current Dog Exercise, Prohibited and Rural Leashing Areas Policy be **AMENDED** to the make section of Emu Point Western Swimming Beach adjacent to Cunningham Street **PROHIBITED** to dogs.

Councillor Reason:

A petition was received by Council at the February 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting requesting that the section of Emu Point Western Beach adjacent to Cunningham Street no longer be designated as a Dog Exercise Area. That petition had 301 signatures.

The Emu Point Western Swimming Beach adjacent to Cunningham Street is the only sheltered swimming area along the stretch of Middleton Beach running to Emu Point. It is used by families with small children and elderly or mobility impaired residents who enjoy the safe swimming environment it provides.

There have been reports received by the City regarding dog attacks at this section of beach, including swimmers being chased into the water by off leash dogs. By removing this section of beach from the designated Dog Exercise Area, it will provide a safer environment for swimmers.

The removal of this small portion of the dog exercise area will provide a safe, clean environment for swimmers, free from the current problem of uncollected dog faeces and the consequences of inappropriate behaviour by dog owners and their dogs.

The request in the original Committee Recommendation for further facilitated community engagement will significantly delay a decision, and have a continued adverse environmental impact on this section of the beach, as evidenced by the amount of dog faeces currently on this area of the beach (see attached images).





Officer Comment:

Staff will enact the decision of Council should they require an amendment to the current Dog Exercise, Prohibited and Rural Leashing Areas Policy.