City of Albany

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To the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Albany, we the undersigned, do respectfully request that the Council –

Fund and organise the construction and maintenance of a fully fenced dog exercise area in Albany, preferably in Lower King / Bayonet Head as the area is experiencing significant growth. Also the vast majority of the signatures collected are from local residents of these suburbs.

Albany has no fully enclosed dog exercise area where owners can let the dogs run off lead and not have to worry about the animal leaving the area due to circumstances beyond their control. Most dogs are inquisitive creatures and if when off the lead are exposed to something new and more interesting occurring will always go to investigate, this can lead to both the dog and other people being put in a position that is difficult to control.

An example of this would people walking along the road who are not dog people and are frightened, even terrified of dogs, a dog simply approaching them is enough to send them into an anxiety attack, even if the dog only wants to check them out, say hello and get the pat. I witnessed an event like this several months ago, no one was hurt, the people and the dog's owner had a quick unpleasant interaction which would not have occurred had the dog been in a fenced area. The dog was not an aggressive animal and was behaving well off the lead prior to the event.

Perth has many such enclosures, ten I believe, and we regularly used the Carine Open Space facility when in Perth, Carine has two enclosures, one each for small and large dogs, works well. Our research shows that some regional cities also have fenced dog enclosures.

- Bunbury
- Kalgoorlie
- Denmark
- Esperance is apparently in the process of getting one.

The cost of building a fenced dog enclosure should not be excessive, a standard wire fence as per the below photo of the Ellenbrook facility is all that is required.



200 SIGNATURES.

The below photo is the Inglewood enclosure and is very similar to the Carine one offering dog training items such as the large ramp visible.



Most of the Perth facilities can be viewed at 10 Fully Enclosed Dog Exercise Areas in Perth - Perth (weekendnotes.com)

As mentioned in my email to the Council Liaison Person (CLP), Jennifer Williamson, my wife was not given the correct information when she visited the Council offices to enquire about the petition requirements. She was told that all she needed was two hundred (200) signatures and the Council would look at it. She was not given a copy of the Petition Policy (PP) as would seem to be correct procedure.

On receiving the PP it became apparent very quickly that the policy requires -

Note: Council considers the inclusion of an address of a signatory to be essential because depending upon the nature of the cause; Council will have regard to the address of each signatory in determining the weight to be given to the petition.

Obviously NOT having this information prior to gathering the signatures on the petition means that the petition is a non-compliant document according to the PP. I did bring this up on am email to the CLP and was advised to submit the petition regardless.

Principal Signatory of Petition: As the initiator of this petition, my name and contact details are below.

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