
Agenda for a hearing of the Policy & Regulatory Committee (to hear and consider submissions and make recommendations on the proposed Cemeteries Bylaw 2023) to be held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **MONDAY, 1 MAY 2023** commencing at **2.00pm.**

1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

4. REPORTS

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5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

It is intended to discuss this matter in the open section of the meeting, however, should in depth legal advice be requested from the Committee, a resolution may be passed to exclude the public to hold these discussions.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Policy & Regulatory Committee

Reports to:	Council
Chairperson:	Deputy Mayor Carolyn Eyre
Deputy Chairperson:	Cr Crystal Beavis
Membership:	The Mayor and all Councillors
Meeting frequency:	Six-weekly
Quorum:	Majority of the members (including vacancies)

Purpose

The Policy & Regulatory Committee is responsible for the Council's governance policies and bylaws and reviewing the District Plan.

In addition to the common delegations on page 10, the Policy & Regulatory Committee is delegated the following Terms of Reference and powers:

Terms of Reference:

1. To establish, implement and review the governance policy framework that will assist in achieving the Council's strategic priorities and outcomes.
2. To develop, review and approve Council bylaws for consultation.
3. To consider and determine changes to the schedules and parking restrictions in the Public Places Bylaw 2016, including hearing any submissions relating to those proposed changes.
4. To hear and determine matters arising under current bylaws, including applications for dispensation from compliance with the requirements of bylaws, unless such matters are otherwise delegated by Council.
5. To administer the Council's District Plan in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991.
6. To monitor the performance of regulatory decision-making by the District Licensing Committee¹, Regulatory Subcommittee and officers under their respective delegations.

¹ For clarity, the District Licensing Committee is a committee of Council under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

The Committee is delegated the following powers to act:

Governance Policies

- Develop and agree governance policies for the purpose of consultation/engagement.
- Recommend to Council policy for adoption, amendment, or revocation.
- Monitor and review policy, including recommending amendments to any policy as and when required.

Bylaws

- Determine all preliminary matters in relation to bylaws, except where expressly reserved for Council under legislation or the bylaw itself. For clarity, this delegation includes those matters to be determined under section 155 Local Government Act 2002.
- Develop and approve the statement of proposal and associated documentation for new or amended bylaws for consultation.
- Make any resolution where in a bylaw the Council has specified that a matter be regulated, controlled or prohibited by the Council by resolution.
- Recommend to Council new or amended bylaws for adoption.

District Plan

- Review and approve for notification a proposed district plan, a proposed change to the District Plan, or a variation to a proposed plan or proposed plan change (excluding any plan change notified under clause 25(2)(a), Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991)
- Withdraw a proposed plan or plan change under clause 8D, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- Make the following decisions to facilitate the administration of plan changes, variations, designation and heritage order processes:
 - a. To decide whether a decision of a Requiring Authority or Heritage Protection Authority will be appealed to the Environment Court by the Council and authorise the resolution of any such appeal, provided such decisions are consistent with professional advice.
 - b. To consider and approve Council submissions on a proposed plan, plan changes, and variations, unless expressly delegated to another decision-making body.
 - c. To monitor the private plan change process.
 - d. To accept, adopt or reject private plan change applications under clause 25, Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991.

Other Resource Management Issues

- Pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991, to exercise all of the Council's functions, powers, and duties under that Act, except the functions, powers and duties:
 - a. that cannot be delegated or that are otherwise retained by the Council under its terms of reference; or
 - b. expressly delegated to other Council committees or decision-making bodies, or officers.
- Monitor and approve submissions in relation to National Policy Statements and National Environmental Standards.

Other Delegations

- Exercise all the Council's functions, powers and duties under the Building Act 2004, the Health Act 1956, the Dog Control Act 1996, and the Food Act 2014, and the respective regulations made under these Acts, except the functions, powers, and duties:
 - a. that cannot be delegated or that are otherwise retained by the Council under its terms of reference; or
 - b. expressly delegated to other Council committees or decision-making bodies, or officers.
- Approval of attendance of elected members at conferences, seminars, training, or events, in accordance with Council policy.

To	Policy and Regulatory Committee
Report title	Hearing for the proposed Cemeteries Bylaw 2023
Date:	1 May 2023
Report Author:	Jodi Bell, Corporate Planner
Authorised by:	Anthony Averill, Acting Deputy General Manager, Service Delivery

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To enable the receiving and hearing of submissions on the proposed Cemeteries Bylaw.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopotanga matua

During 2022, staff reviewed the Cemeteries Bylaw 2016 (the Bylaw). The main changes proposed to the Bylaw are:

- Inclusion of natural burial clauses;
- Allowing dogs on-lead to enter cemeteries;
- Removing the clause that prevents family and loved ones from backfilling graves.

Open consultation took place between 15 March and 16 April 2023. A total of 232 submissions were received on the proposed Bylaw with five submitters wanting to speak at the hearing.

3. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Policy and Regulatory Committee, pursuant to section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, considers all submissions and, where requested, hears submissions on the proposed Cemeteries bylaw.

4. Background

Koorero whaimaarama

In accordance with section 158 of the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002, Bylaws must be reviewed every five years from the date it was made. Bylaws continue to have legal effect under section 160A of the LGA until they are automatically revoked after two years from the five-year review date. The Cemeteries Bylaw 2016 was due for review on 17 July 2021 and is due to be revoked on 17 July 2023.

In 2022, the Bylaw was reviewed by staff and workshopped with elected members.

The main changes to the proposed bylaw are:

- Inclusion of natural burial clauses
- Allowing dogs on-lead to enter cemeteries
- Remove the clause that prevents family and loved ones from backfilling graves.

Submissions are included in attachment 2 (submissions from those who wish to be heard) and attachment 3 (all submissions received).

5. Discussion and analysis

Taataritanga me ngaa tohutohu

Open consultation was undertaken between 15 March 2023 and 16 April 2023 to advise the public of the proposed changes to the bylaw and invite submissions. Staff used the following communication methods:

- Media release;
- Public notice;
- Online engagement tools;
- Emails to Community Boards and Committees, mana whenua, and stakeholder groups;
- Council's Facebook page.

Council received 232 formal submissions. Five submitters have requested to be heard although this number is likely to reduce as hearings scheduling progresses.

Social media comments on the bylaw are presented in Attachment 4. Please note that these are not considered to be formal submissions, however Council can choose to have some level of regard to these comments during deliberations.

5.1 Financial considerations

Whaiwhakaaro puutea

There are no material financial considerations associated with the recommendations of this report.

5.2 Legal considerations

Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture

Staff confirm that the staff recommendation complies with the Council's legal and policy requirements. Consultation on the bylaws occurred under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

5.3 Strategy and policy considerations

Whaiwhakaaro whakamaaherehere kaupapa here

The report and recommendations are consistent with the Council's policies, plans and prior decisions.

5.4 Maaori and cultural considerations

Whaiwhakaaro Maaori me oona tikanga

The proposed bylaws will not have a direct impact on Maaori and their relationship with whenua, water and other taonga. Maaori stakeholders were advised when consultation opened and invited to make a submission.

5.5 Climate response and resilience considerations

Whaiwhakaaro-aa-taiao

Staff have considered Māori tikanga (values) regarding the tapu (sacredness) surrounding burial of the tuuaapaku (deceased) and the processes involved. During the period of early engagement, a hui was held with representatives of Waikato Tainui and Taupiri Maunga urupā trustees to discuss any queries, concerns, and feedback they had on the Bylaw.

Waikato Tainui is supportive of the inclusion of provisions for natural burials as it supports the preservation of the health of Papatuaanuku. They voiced their support of a minimum depth cover of 800mm as shallower burial allows for the tūpāpaku to decompose naturally further supporting the preservation of Papatuaanuku.

5.6 Risks

Tuuraru

There are no risks associated with this report.

6. Significance and engagement assessment

Aromatawai paahekoheko

6.1 Significance

Te Hiranga

The decisions and matters of this report are assessed as of moderate significance, in accordance with the Council's [Significance and Engagement Policy](#).

The following criteria are particularly relevant in determining the level of significance for this matter:

- There is a legal requirement to engage when reviewing bylaws;
- Community views on the proposals are not already known;
- The bylaws have the potential to affect all residents in the Waikato district.

6.2 Engagement Te Whakatuutakitaki

Highest level of engagement	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consultation was carried out in accordance with section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.					

State below which external stakeholders have been or will be engaged with:

Planned	In Progress	Complete	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Internal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Boards/Community Committees
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waikato-Tainui/Local iwi and hapuu
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected businesses

7. Next steps Ahu whakamua

Deliberations on the Bylaw will take place after hearings on 1 May 2023.

8. Confirmation of statutory compliance Te Whakatuuturutanga aa-ture

As required by the Local Government Act 2002, staff confirm the following:

The report fits with Council's role and Committee's Terms of Reference and Delegations.	Confirmed
The report contains sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages (<i>Section 5.1</i>).	Confirmed
Staff assessment of the level of significance of the issues in the report after consideration of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy (<i>Section 6.1</i>).	Confirmed
The report contains adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons taking account of any proposed or previous community engagement and assessed level of significance (<i>Section 6.2</i>).	Confirmed
The report considers impact on Maaori (<i>Section 5.5</i>)	Confirmed
The report and recommendations are consistent with Council's plans and policies (<i>Section 5.4</i>).	Confirmed
The report and recommendations comply with Council's legal duties and responsibilities (<i>Section 5.3</i>).	Confirmed

9. Attachments Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Hearings schedule

Attachment 2 – Submissions of hearing attendees

Attachment 3 – All submissions on the proposed Cemeteries Bylaw

Attachment 4 – Social media comments on the proposed Cemeteries Bylaw

Attachment One: Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw 2023 Hearing Schedule

*Please note the submission page numbers are of the attachment 1 not the whole agenda.

2.00pm Welcome and report introduction

Time	Submitter ID	Name	Submission page number*
2.10	6238	Emilee Middleton Wood	1
2.20	6225	Fiona Robertson	2
2.30	6134	Tracey Wilde	3
2.40	6132	Carolyn Hopa	4
2.50	6117	Karen Britton	5+6

Q1 First Name

Short Text Emilee

Q2 Last Name

Short Text Middleton-Wood

Q3 Organisation on behalf of (if any)

Short Text

Q4 Email Address

Email **

Q5 Phone Number

Telephone **

Q6 Would you like to present your submission at the hearing?

Multi Choice Yes

Q7 Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Multi Choice Yes

Q8 Do you have any additional comments about natural burial areas?

Long Text

Q9 Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Multi Choice Yes

Q10 Do you have any additional comments about dogs on-lead in cemeteries?

Long Text

Q11 Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw?

Multi Choice Yes

Q12 Do you have any additional comments about backfilling burial sites?

Long Text

Q13 Please add any further comments here

Long Text

Q14 Please upload any attachments here

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First Name

Fiona

Q1

Short Text

Last Name

Robertson

Q2

Short Text

Organisation on behalf of (if any)

Q3

Short Text

Email Address

Q4

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Email

Phone Number

Q5

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Telephone

Would you like to present your submission at the hearing?

Q6

Yes

Multi Choice

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Q7

I do not have a response for this section

Multi Choice

Do you have any additional comments about natural burial areas?

Q8

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Long Text

Yes

Q9

Do you have any additional comments about dogs on-lead in cemeteries?

Multi Choice

There are currently 7 dogs parks I have been informed of that are no longer open to dogs and there is nowhere to safely exercise dogs for people who used those parks making the current parks now even more crowded. We need space to apply correct welfare standards for all dogs in the Waikato District this would open up more spaces for this to be implemented along with hopefully keeping unwanted away from damaging these sacred places. If someone is visiting a pets previous owner or needing comfort then the dog should be allowed as well for their comfort as they grieve and to support other grieving people.

Q10

Long Text

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw?

Q11

I do not have a response for this question

Multi Choice

Do you have any additional comments about backfilling burial sites?

Q12

Please add any further comments here

Long Text

Q13

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Q1

First Name

Tracy

Short Text

Q2

Last Name

Wilde

Short Text

Q3

Organisation on behalf of (if any)

Short Text

Q4

Email Address

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Email

Q5

Phone Number

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Telephone

Q6

Would you like to present your submission at the hearing?

Yes

Multi Choice

Q7

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Multi Choice

Q8

Do you have any additional comments about natural burial areas?

Long Text

Q9

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Multi Choice

Q10

Do you have any additional comments about dogs on-lead in cemeteries?

Dogs are a significant part of peoples family, and allowing them to be present at the graveside of friends and family members to be a support and comfort at a time of grieving is important. This may be especially true when other family/ friends are not able to be present or visit the grave with a bereaved person. On lead dogs should present no problems to others present in a cemetery.

Long Text

Q11

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw?

Yes

Multi Choice

Q12

Do you have any additional comments about backfilling burial sites?

Long Text

Q13

Please add any further comments here

Long Text

Q14

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Q1

Short Text

First Name

Carolyn

Q2

Short Text

Last Name

Hopa

Q3

Short Text

Organisation on behalf of (if any)

Ngaati Wairere

Q4

Email

Email Address

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Q5

Telephone

Phone Number

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Q6

Multi Choice

Would you like to present your submission at the hearing?

Yes

Q7

Multi Choice

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Q8

Long Text

Do you have any additional comments about natural burial areas?

As communities become more environmentally conscious of the choices we make this allows us opportunity to practice the closest form of our traditional tikanga.

Q9

Multi Choice

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Q10

Long Text

Do you have any additional comments about dogs on-lead in cemeteries?

As articulated by members of Ngaati Wairere this is tantamount to takahi mana, takahi tangata - a slight on the honour of loved ones who are interned.

Q11

Multi Choice

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw?

Yes

Q12

Long Text

Do you have any additional comments about backfilling burial sites?

Maaori have the responsibility to complete the mourning process by interning our loved ones - this part of the Bylaw took away our traditional rights to do so.

Q13

Long Text

Please add any further comments here

Q14

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Q1 Last Name

Short Text Britton

Q2 Organisation on behalf of (if any)

Short Text

Q3 Email Address

Short Text **

Q4 Phone Number

Email **

Q5 Would you like to present your submission at the hearing?

Telephone Yes

Q6 Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Multi Choice Yes

Q7 Do you have any additional comments about natural burial areas?

Multi Choice Green burial significantly lowers council costs such as reduced grave-digging time and resources due to interment depth reduction, and cemetery maintenance, for example lawn-mowing.

Q8

Long Text

Green burial allows healing opportunities for family/whanau through participation with a more natural process and through the bush environment that is ultimately created.

Natural burial encourages ecological processes which do not contaminate the soil, and have positive biological effects, providing habitat and opportunities for flora, fauna (birds) and micro-fauna (insects and worms).

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Q9 Do you have any additional comments about dogs on-lead in cemeteries?

Multi Choice

I support well-controlled dogs on leads in cemeteries, including at interment, provided all manure must be picked up and graves respected.

Q10

Long Text

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw?

Yes

Q11 Do you have any additional comments about backfilling burial sites?

Multi Choice

Councils in other parts of the country support it, and it is very healing for family and friends to participate.

Q12

Long Text

At my recent father's burial (a farmer), we all helped fill in the grave, from lawyers in suits, to fencers, shepherds, teachers, whoever chose to could. It helped with the story of the day and physically participating again helps heal the hurt.

Indeed, prior to the current funeral industry arriving in New Zealand, this was something our ancestors did themselves. There's nothing better than seeing farmers don their gumboots to fill in the grave!

Q13

[Please add any further comments here](#)

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Long Text

I have trained overseas in family-led and green burial and have guided wh?nau in green burial at Forest Grove in Newstead.

In 2018 several issues needed addressing:

The grave was dug too deep. Although the family might have "felt good" about a so-called green burial, a body interred too deep does not support the decomposition ecosystem in effect facilitated when a body is closer to the ground surface. I support the council's minimum depth requirement for 800mm, as long as the minimum is what IS used for interment, rather than deeper dug graves.

Interment charges were the same as for the grass cemetery, yet the digging resources required should have been LESS (when dug to correct depth). I feel this resource reduction should be reflected in reduced interment cost to families.

Council staff should accommodate their council's requirements - for example to be accepting of non funeral-home caskets (that meet the size and other requirements), and shrouds. This information should be readily available.

At that time, council staff were doing little to advocate green burial as an option, and it seemed to almost actively make the process more difficult or even discourage it. I was surprised to see how few green burials had occurred up to then, but given the council staff's responses, perhaps that was part of the reason - the other being perhaps people are still unaware it is an option (and is certainly not something talked about or encouraged by our outrageously expensive funeral industry).

When I broached the subject of too deep burials with a key Newstead staffer several months later, I was not "heard", and was told I was wrong about the depth. As I had looked in the grave ahead of the funeral (the office-based staffer wouldn't have), I was well-aware the grave was dug far too deep. My impression was council staffer did not fully understand green burial and needed educating.

I fully support green burial's as an option. The funeral industry has blown out funeral costs for all, and affordable, more participatory options should be available. Further, I believe the main reason cremations are so popular is because it is the cheapest option, rather than because it is what people want.

I'm happy to talk to my submission, if required.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this important bylaw change.

Please send a copy of this submission for my records.

Kind regards,
Karen Britton

Q14

[Please upload any attachments here](#)

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ATTACHMENT THREE: ALL SUBMISSIONS ON THE PROPOSED CEMETERIES BYLAW

Submission ID:	6261
Name:	Tracey Maxwell
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6260
Name:	Alex Smith
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6259
Name:	Tracey Burgess-Jones
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Not sure how you would manage the space.

It's a great idea but I know nothing about the infrastructure required. Make more national parks and plant natives?

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

But with the thought that it's not for casual walkers, but for family visiting cemetery.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6258
Name:	Alex Barker
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6257
Name:	Nicole Wright
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6256
Name:	Ann Mitchell
Organisation:	N/A
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Providing the dog/s are under strict control I cannot foresee a problem with it. I have attended tangihanga where the dog was the closest family member to the deceased. Animals have feelings & a good 6th sense when their loved one passes. Humans are the ones known to have desecrated urupa/cemeteries.

Nga mihi

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

As a maori, we prefer to back fill our own. I would hope we would be afforded that option.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6255
Name:	Rakena Clarke
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6254
Name:	Samantha Gibson
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6253
Name:	Joy Rear
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

An designated living arboretum would be good.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6252
Name:	Steph White
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6251
Name:	Samantha Chapman
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Natural burials are becoming more popular, i don't see any reason to prevent them from happening in our local area

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

This is hard, because I'd love for my dog to be able to visit should I pass I do think a lot of owners aren't responsible enough to pick up after their dog as it is, could we be opening a gate to dog kaka all through the cemetery? Potentially Off leash happening.

I'm divided on this one.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Of course whanau should be able to do this. Some cemeteries up northland you can opt to dig the grave if your budget doesn't cover a grave digger. Comes down to compassion for each other at a time of need

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6250
Name:	Sophie Manns
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I believe people should wish to have a natural burial wherever they please as they could wish to be buried by a family member or friend who was buried in a cemetery and it's much better for the environment!

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs have been well known for helping people in hard times. Family deserves to grieve with family.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6249
Name:	Scott Bovaird
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

It would be nice for those who have lost loved ones to have someone or an animal to support them. As long as dogs are on short leads.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6248
Name:	Megan Parker
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Not all dog owners are responsible and extra care is needed in a cemetery setting. Whether on lead or not, the dogs could still poo, wee or stand on headstones, graves. I would be very disappointed if I saw this happening to my family members' graves.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Backfilling is one of the last things you can do for your loved one.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6247
Name:	Ashleigh Kendall
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6246
Name:	Darrell Wehi
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

No! I personally feel this is disrespectful to our departed.

Also so not support the burial of animals in a cemetery set aside for our dearly departed.. surly you can set aside land for an pet cemetery.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6245
Name:	Cory Pace
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs are family

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6244
Name:	Sarah Davis
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs are an important member in many families and also feel loss. For a family to be able to take their dog to the cemetery, i believe this will aide in the grieving process for many.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6243
Name:	Hazel Boldero
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6242
Name:	Riri Rio
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

To include if not already: Owners are to remove all their dog poo's from the cemeteries.
Perhaps bins can be provided.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

No

Submission ID:	6241
Name:	Amy Passau
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Fantastic that the council is open and accepting of these ideas. It's positive progress. There will need to be some guidelines in regards to choice of trees to manage their size and pruning requirements but I otherwise thinks it's a brilliant step forward.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs are an important part of the family and grieve themselves and are part of our grieving process. I fully support this proposal

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Listen to the community, this sounds important to people so please support this proposal for people to have a choice with how they say goodbye and bury their loved ones

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6240
Name:	Bedford Aitken
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6239
Name:	Shane Livingston
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Pets who loses their owners do grieve

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6238
Name:	Emilee Middleton-Wood
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	Yes

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6233
Name:	Greer Gisborne
Organisation:	Waikato District Council
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

This is the way of the times. Will help reduce the costs for Whanau (funeral directors) Possibly WDC cost. Natural process And will help with the climate control.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs are whanau. Suggestion to put a dog rubbish bin with pooh bags so the owners pick up the dog droppings.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Alot of whanau find this very fitting for their culture to backfill a loved one. It helps with the grieving process

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6232
Name:	Rachel Foote
Organisation:	Waikato Pools 2021
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

No

Comments:

Councils charge enough for a plot so they should back fill it. the emotions of the day of losing and burying a loved one is hard enough.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

I suggest council spend the money they take. invest in the west and stop adding new when there is perfectly good around them already

Submission ID:	6231
Name:	LM Waiwiri
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Eco friendly

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs are whanau, they grieve too and can help the grieving process.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Whanau inclusive

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Please keep my name confidential

Submission ID:	6230
Name:	Chantelle Ward
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Somewhere trees can be planted.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6229
Name:	Madisen Bond
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6227
Name:	Tracy Jones
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Yes they should be able too it's all apart off the grief and saying goodbye

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6226
Name:	Sarina Pitkethley
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

I believe this is incredibly important. Having attended many tangi, it is a significant element of the process that is integral to the 'closure' of the process. It makes one feel something I struggle to find an adequate word to describe.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6225
Name:	Fiona Robertson
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	Yes

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

There are currently 7 dogs parks I have been informed of that are no longer open to dogs and there is nowhere to safely exercise dogs for people who used those parks making the current parks now even more crowded. We need space to apply correct welfare standards for all dogs in the Waikato District this would open up more spaces for this to be implemented along with hopefully keeping unwanted away from damaging these sacred places. If someone is visiting a pets previous owner or needing comfort then the dog should be allowed as well for their comfort as they grieve and to support other grieving people.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6224
Name:	Olivia Prouse
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

No

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6223
Name:	Margaret Buchanan
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6221
Name:	Alison Ewing
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6220
Name:	Robyn Hutton
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6219
Name:	Valerie O'Rourke
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6218
Name:	Paula Singer
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dog on leads all goods. They should be allowed. They are part of the family

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Needs to be reasonable

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6217
Name:	Loren Brown
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

This is an important inclusion for a variety of cultural and moral beliefs and would be a great initiative to introduce.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs are essential and well loved parts of some families. Other families not so much, and so the option at least for their to be a dog friendly or dog exclusion area would be very ideal.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Family and whanau should be able to modify or interact with the grave sites as they wish (within reason of course) to support the grieving process or to continue to engage in a relationship with the passed. More options for family members of deceased means a happier community overall.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6216
Name:	Sally King
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6215
Name:	Lena Dallas
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6214
Name:	Derryn Dunsmuir
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

My cousin died last year and did all the research and then chose a natural burial. I think it is amazing to have the option and is also good for the earth

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Only on leads and with all waste picked up. Dogs are necessary to many people's mental health from companionship right through to fitness, fresh air and taking your dog, or your loved ones dog, to important places like a cemetery are very necessary to so many people.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Important for some people's grieving process

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6213
Name:	Jane Watson
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6212
Name:	Sophie Preston
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6211
Name:	Camille Guzzwell
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Our dogs need the options for more exercise areas and this helps the lack of facilities

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6210
Name:	April Maree McMaster
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6209
Name:	Melissa Dawson
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs on leads should be allowed everywhere humans are, they are less destructive and more respectful than most humans I know.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6208
Name:	Marie McIntyre
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6207
Name:	Jan Prendergast
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs are part of peoples family too

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

It would have to be supervised or requested before burial

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6206
Name:	Patsy Keoghan
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Who is going to police this? and how do you know the dog owner will pick up after the dog has been to the toilet?

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6205
Name:	Christine Pumphrey
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6204
Name:	Carole Thompson
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

For some it is acceptable but for others attending it would not be accepted It seems that dog owners are able to control where they take their dogs. Having seen dogs in cafes -2 dogs as well as others at inside garden centers , dogs rule the community. there are parks for dogs swimming places for dogs. If allowed they should be in a separate area. Dog owners can be stupid and let the animal control their lives Suprise I own a cat and a dog and the dog lives outside and will not go to a cafe nor to my funeral

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

I have taken part in the backfilling of a grave of a dear friend (not in Waikato) It is nice to allow those who want to to do it even if just enough to cover the coffin.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6203
Name:	helen jansen
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6202
Name:	Stacey Laing
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6200
Name:	Tiffany Oldham
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

This is part of the grieving process for some families and is very important that they have the option

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6199
Name:	Angela Parquist
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Excellent!

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Please ensure appropriate signage around on lead, cleaning up after dogs etc are easily seen around the sites. Include dog poo bag dispensers and bins at every cemetery. Not all owners are equal in their behaviour so make it as easy as possible for owners to do the right thing.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6198
Name:	Barry Crawshay
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6197
Name:	Simon Smith
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6196
Name:	Andrea Daly
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6195
Name:	Gaylene Himona
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I selected yes as there is no maybe or subject to. Yes subject to how shallow? do you get to choose the tree or shrub? Can you reserve plots either side?

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6194
Name:	Hugh Anderson
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6193
Name:	Sharon Rydon
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6192
Name:	Rachel Stratford
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs are part of your whānau

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6190
Name:	Jeanette Tyrrell
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6189
Name:	Amelia Morgan
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Culturally this is significant and in terms of cost this should also be allowed. It is also better for our environment, especially our soil, not having the extensive chemicals leach over time.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6188
Name:	Steve Tiang
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6187
Name:	Caitlyn Coulston
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Absolutely I believe it is not only a way forward in reducing our environmental impact on such unnecessary practices but also allows those to honor their own cultural practices for those it may apply to

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Absolutely yes. Not only are dogs known to help ease stress and offer comfort but they are very much a part of many families, I would very much be choosing a burial site for my loved ones where we would be able to take our dog to visit and to honor their bond with their family.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6186
Name:	Bryce Mounsey
Organisation:	Haven Funeral Services Ltd
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

This can be a very important part of a family's grieving process.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6185
Name:	Jessica Moughan
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6183
Name:	Siobhan O'Farrell
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6182
Name:	Jo Shortland
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6181
Name:	Diane Tyson-Vaioleti
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

I do not object to the dogs. However there will be people who will not clean up after their dogs and I object on those grounds.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6180
Name:	Tarn-lee Carly
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6179
Name:	susan mapson
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6178
Name:	Kat Jenkins
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6177
Name:	Anna Lindstrom
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6176
Name:	Hayley Clapham
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I honestly think it's a great idea. It's less damage to the environment and by planting a tree in top of the grave it is a way to create beautiful Forest graveyards instead of ones filled with chemicals and foreign objects

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6175
Name:	Jack Hies
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6174
Name:	Tania Campbell
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6173
Name:	Susan Partington
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6172
Name:	Lauren Gaffaney
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6171
Name:	Annalise Kellaway
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6170
Name:	Roland Stenger
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6169
Name:	Debra Pugh
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Obviously as long as dog poo is removed immediately.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

As long as council staff check it afterwards, to ensure it's done successfully.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6168
Name:	Courtney Frost
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6167
Name:	Nasie Bayley
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6166
Name:	Loyal Turner
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs have feelings too and should always be allowed in cemeteries to farewell regardless!

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Let people backfill!! It's awkward having the council watch the entire burial and people grieving then not letting them handle the final stages of a burial.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6165
Name:	Melissa Bayley
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6164
Name:	Rachel Kreymborg
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6163
Name:	Willow Hyslop
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6162
Name:	Cara Hansen
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6161
Name:	Pippa Berry-Cope
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I am very much in support of natural burials in the cemeteries in the district.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6160
Name:	Josie Frankhouser
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6159
Name:	Jay Vickers
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Absolutely this should be allowed, it is a great step forward and where it is now allowed it is very much appreciated

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Absolutely yes

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6158
Name:	Bruce Airey
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I can not believe it has taken this long to add this to your bylaw. The demand for natural burials has been significant for at least the last 10 years yet you only acknowledging it now.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dog would need to be well controlled with strong consequences if they are found off lead. Facilities for the disposal of dog waste will also need to be considered

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

While I support this it would need to be in a controlled fashion as I believe it also presents a significant H&S risk.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6156
Name:	Dayna MacDonald
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

People never clean up after their dogs and they aren't always kept on leads.

Its not fair for kids or people who are scared of dogs to be faced with them when visiting a loved one.

Animals can say goodbye before the burial. Why should dogs be allowed over loved horses etcâ€¦ cemeteries are not for animals.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

No

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6155
Name:	Judith Blincoe-Eddy
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I think these are an awesome idea. Saves additional chemicals being put into the ground.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs are very much a part of a person's life and should be able to mourn their owners just like human children do.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question.

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6154
Name:	Jacqueline McGowan
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6153
Name:	Rachael Elliott
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6152
Name:	Tonka Watson
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I am thrilled this is being considered.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6151
Name:	Tui Keepa
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6150
Name:	Chris Bryson
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6149
Name:	Ellen Corness
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6145
Name:	Helen Jelinek
Organisation:	NZ Dairy Workers Union
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Though I think there should be some sort of involvement, potentially from council, to ensure the end result meets any health criteria

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6134
Name:	Tracy Wilde
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	Yes

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs are a significant part of peoples family, and allowing them to be present at the graveside of friends and family members to be a support and comfort at a time of grieving is important. This may be especially true when other family/ friends are not able to be present or visit the grave with a bereaved person. On lead dogs should present no problems to others present in a cemetery.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6132
Name:	Carolyn Hopa
Organisation:	Ngaati Wairere
Presenting at hearings:	Yes

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

As communities become more environmentally conscious of the choices we make this allows us opportunity to practice the closest form of our traditional tikanga.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

As articulated by members of Ngaati Wairere this is tantamount to takahi mana, takahi tangata - a slight on the honour of loved ones who are interned.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Maaori have the responsibility to complete the mourning process by interning our loved ones - this part of the Bylaw took away our traditional rights to do so.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6129
Name:	Moira Cursey
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

To be honest I'm over allowing dogs to be just about everywhere. I am increasingly experiencing dog faeces in public spaces, barking dogs and unruly dogs that aren't controlled by their owners. Can we please have some spaces without them.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6121
Name:	Lois Brooks
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Open a natural burial cemetery in Raglan.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6120
Name:	Trudy Talbot
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

I believe the three amendments are all sensible and should be approved. Dogs on leash & must pick up any feaces.

Submission ID:	6119
Name:	Meredith Youngson
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6118
Name:	BELINDA GOODWIN
Organisation:	Freedom Dance
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6117
Name:	Karen Britton
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	Yes

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Green burial significantly lowers council costs such as reduced grave-digging time and resources due to interment depth reduction, and cemetery maintenance, for example lawn-mowing.

Green burial allows healing opportunities for family/whānau through participation with a more natural process and through the bush environment that is ultimately created.

Natural burial encourages ecological processes which do not contaminate the soil, and have positive biological effects, providing habitat and opportunities for flora, fauna (birds) and micro-fauna (insects and worms).

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I support well-controlled dogs on leads in cemeteries, including at interment, provided all manure must be picked up and graves respected.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Councils in other parts of the country support it, and it is very healing for family and friends to participate. At my recent father's burial (a farmer), we all helped fill in the grave, from lawyers in suits, to fencers, shepherds, teachers, whoever chose to could. It helped with the story of the day and physically participating again helps heal the hurt.

Indeed, prior to the current funeral industry arriving in New Zealand, this was something our ancestors did themselves. There's nothing better than seeing farmers don their gumboots to fill in the grave!

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

I have trained overseas in family-led and green burial and have guided whānau in green burial at Forest Grove in Newstead.

In 2018 several issues needed addressing:

The grave was dug too deep. Although the family might have "felt good" about a so-called green burial, a body interred too deep does not support the decomposition ecosystem in effect facilitated when a body is closer to the ground surface. I support the council's minimum depth requirement for 800mm, as long as the minimum is what IS used for interment, rather than deeper dug graves.

Interment charges were the same as for the grass cemetery, yet the digging resources required should have been LESS (when dug to correct depth). I feel this resource reduction should be reflected in reduced interment cost to families.

Council staff should accommodate their council's requirements - for example to be accepting of non funeral-home caskets (that meet the size and other requirements), and shrouds. This information should be readily available.

At that time, council staff were doing little to advocate green burial as an option, and it seemed to almost actively make the process more difficult or even discourage it. I was surprised to see how few green burials had occurred up to then, but given the council staff's responses, perhaps that was part of the reason - the other being perhaps people are still unaware it is an option (and is certainly not something talked about or encouraged by our outrageously expensive funeral industry).

When I broached the subject of too deep burials with a key Newstead staffer several months later, I was not "heard", and was told I was wrong about the depth. As I had looked in the grave ahead of the funeral (the office-based staffer wouldn't have), I was well-aware the grave was dug far too deep. My impression was council staffer did not fully understand green burial and needed educating.

I fully support green burial's as an option. The funeral industry has blown out funeral costs for all, and affordable, more participatory options should be available. Further, I believe the main reason cremations are so popular is because it is the cheapest option, rather than because it is what people want.

I'm happy to talk to my submission, if required.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this important bylaw change.

Please send a copy of this submission for my records.

Kind regards,

Karen Britton

Submission ID:	6116
Name:	Brian Bowell
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Interest in natural burials is growing and areas provided by Hamilton and Waipa have been enthusiastically taken up. There are both ethical and environmental reasons for this expansion of interest and use. Waikato District Council should be providing and promoting natural burials and burial sites.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Many dogs will have been companions to people interred and should be allowed controlled access to their departed owners.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6115
Name:	Megan Ryder
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Provided the dog owner is considerate to

A) the dogs toileting &

B) the dogs social behaviour to humans and other dogs attending the cemeteries

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6114
Name:	Jessica Steiner
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

This will be a beautiful addition to add to our cemeteries.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

So long as it is controlled and on a lead and the owners are responsible for picking up their poos.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

It is apart of the grieving process for some families to take part in all functions of a funeral for their loved one. Allowing families to help back fill is important.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Keep up the great work Waikato District Council.

Submission ID:	6102
Name:	albert alferink
Organisation:	albert alferink
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I guess not only is this better for the environment ultimately I imagine. Also it could save money not having to buy chemicals. The burial process might have to become more efficient....sooner rather than waiting?

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs in schools. Dog training.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6084
Name:	Russell Davis
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

support earlier input and this type of burial occurs all over this planet

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

agee will support the famliy of the deceased

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6080
Name:	Sarah Smith
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

As long as the usual rules apply about picking up dog poo

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Presumably shovels would be supplied by the Council and staff would oversee the process. Sometimes it is very significant for mourners to add a couple of shovels full of earth to the grave, without the obligation for the family to complete the whole process themselves.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6070
Name:	Joan Craig
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6067
Name:	Ngawai Perry
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Animals grieve too.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6066
Name:	Kim Dean
Organisation:	Plastec NZ Ltd
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6064
Name:	Victoria Haining
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Suggest that there should be options for ashes interment below trees also (at an appropriate rate) similar to Eden Garden in Auckland. Consider setting aside an area for natural burials that allow non-native trees also (perhaps selected varieties - still appropriate to the climate/environment) to allow for cultural preferences for immigrants, eg. ornamentals such as flowering cherry trees or similar.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6062
Name:	Judith Mudge
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

I strongly support this. My husband's family has a tradition of doing so as part of their culture, and while this is a new concept to me, I love its significance and the way it allows loved ones to be actively involved in a burial.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6060
Name:	Andrea Mockford
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6057
Name:	Gillian Marie
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Are individual grave markers still to be permitted? I think they should be.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Graveyards are Tapu areas.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

It is important to some families to bury their family member. There is a finality to putting earth into a grave site. I speak from experience.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Thank you for the opportunity to have my views recorded.

Submission ID:	6056
Name:	Linda Wood
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6053
Name:	Shane Solomon
Organisation:	N/A
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Thanks for the opportunity to submit. These are simple proposals that will have a huge positive impact.

Submission ID:	6052
Name:	Makereta Tikena
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Fully support it however this will need to be closely monitored with regards to public access to burial sites. Would need to make sure that each plot is secure.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6046
Name:	corey belfield
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

No thanks

Submission ID:	6045
Name:	Wendy McGough
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6044
Name:	Lavelle Nepia
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

As long as it's on a lead and the owner has full control of their dog's maybe cemeteries could possibly provide a small area for dogs to poo and water during the visit

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

No

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6043
Name:	Hayden Liddington
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6041
Name:	Jane Hewetson
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Would end up with dog poo left in cemeteries

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6040
Name:	Stephen Shirley
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Although a high percentage of dog owners are responsible there will always be a percentage that won't follow the rules and become a nuisance .

We should not have be concerned with these issues.

The cemetery is a place of peace ,calmness and a time to reflect and be with our loved ones .

I don't feel it's a place for dogs ,there are plenty other places for them,dog parks etc .

Not everyone is comfortable around dogs and have a fear of them ,you could have one right next to you visiting a grave site by your grave site .

Will dog owners pick up their dogs poop ,will they pee on grave stones ,will they keep them on leash ,these thoughts all come to my mind .who is going make sure these rules are abided by .

I'm an animal lover but this is not a place suitable for dogs in my opinion .

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6039
Name:	Sarah Hodgkinson
Organisation:	NA
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6038
Name:	Alison Mackrell
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

This has been done at 2 burials at Newstead that we've attended, so thought it was always possible

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6037
Name:	Katherine Arnold
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

We did this with my Mum on Waiheke after seeing my friend's family bury their Mum at Waikaraka cemetery.

It felt really good to bury her ourselves.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Great that you're listening to the community, thanks.

Submission ID:	6036
Name:	Lillian Foxall
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Ensure the bodies do not have contagious diseases prior to burial.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs can be very instrumental in helping people cope with loss, as long as restrained, and any fecal matter is taken away by the owner

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Allowing family to backfill is a means for people to come to terms with death and can give solace and closure

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6035
Name:	Kayla McVeigh
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I fully support this, I would love to see more natural burial options available nationally.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

As long as the owners are responsible for their dogs, I don't see any issue with this.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6034
Name:	Carolyn Smith
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6033
Name:	Alison Yuill
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6032
Name:	Denis Reidy
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

I have no knowledge of this type of Burial, but will make some enquires.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

No, I cant see this creating a problem.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Can you still prebook plots in these Cemeteries ?

Submission ID:	6030
Name:	Harry Mueller
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6029
Name:	Kristen Kendall
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

No

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6028
Name:	Michelle Jordan-Tong
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

While it would be okay to have them on the roads around the cemeteries the prospect of dogs urinating (and perhaps other things) around graves and headstones is not pleasant. Also it would need to be controlled by Council to make sure dogs are on leads and well behaved and that wouldn't be possible without additional staffing.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6027
Name:	Lisa Wilson
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6024
Name:	Ed Franklin
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6023
Name:	Chris Woolerton
Organisation:	Middleridge Farms
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Sometimes we may make an unplanned visit to the cemetery and have our dog. We cannot leave the dog unattended and wish to take her with us.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Cemeteries should be celebrated. Treated as a park. A place to reflect and to spend time with those we have lost. Planting of trees to sit under and add atmosphere.

Submission ID:	6022
Name:	Neroli Henwood
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6020
Name:	Nico Mostert
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6019
Name:	Rachel Hugill
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6018
Name:	Grant Forster
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I honestly didn't realise you weren't allowed dogs in the cemetery. When I have taken a dog into the cemetery it's normally been that persons dog or the person new the dog.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6017
Name:	Tracey Blackwell
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6016
Name:	Maraea Pene
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6015
Name:	Linda Holt
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

As long as it doesn't any bad odours from shallow graves with un-embalmed bodies.
Also can we bury body at sea same sort of non embalming method???

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

No

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

No.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Can we allow natural dead bodys un-embalmed, to be buried at sea? We know lots of people who want that.

Submission ID:	6014
Name:	Angela Curran
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6013
Name:	Antony Clark
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Need to be well managed and maintained ensuring poaitioning does not create a pathway for ground water contamination by decaying human remains. Definition of 'shallow' needs to be defined to prevent accidentall exhumation or exppsure of human remains during close proximity works including adjacent plot opening, mowing and maintenace activities, flooding and drought which may cause erosion orground fractures and exposure of remains.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Pets have significance in people lives and may be the only living companion of the widow, widower or close relative. Allowing on-lead dogs to enter cemetaries can help with the grieving process and should be permitted.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

The backfilling needs to be supervised to ensure no foriegn material (sand, bulk clothing, bedding, excessive quantities of peraonal possession and memorabilia,) no dangerous goods (firearms, ammunition, pyrotechnics), solvents, chemicals or petroleum products (including synthetics), no controlled or scheduled drug substances be interred with body.

Any change should stipulate the percentage of soil from the digging or re-opening of the burial site to be used to backfill the site.

Any backfilling is to be supervised by a Sexton or member of the council or the NZ Police.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6012
Name:	Toni Rae
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6011
Name:	Marcia Matika
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

The cost for a plot in Gordonton cemetery doesn't give you the option to pay a reserve fee and too pay it off over maybe a 12 month period in days life it's expensive to live but also expensive

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Take the cost off and allow us the 12 months grieving process I've already experienced that grief and it broke our hearts especially when it's a baby let us remove the top soil it's as if the council has no feelings for our loss I'm sure our whanau will do what's right.

CHANGE

Price is too high

Allowing a reserve plot fee

12 month time payment

It's hard enough to live and very expensive to die ????

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6010
Name:	Mark Benson
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6008
Name:	Brenda Roche
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6007
Name:	Bruce Sherwin
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

I am strongly against dogs being permitted in cemeteries.

One cannot control where they urinate or worse, and I find that repulsive.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6006
Name:	Lynette Platten
Organisation:	Paradise Property Services
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

People should be fined for not picking up their dogs poo, and it should be informed, but also good if some disposal bins are provided.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6005
Name:	Iain Paton
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6004
Name:	Stephanie Gofton
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

The possibility that the body could be exposed by a foraging animal ? what depth is a shallow grave?

What is wrong with the standard depth.

Also growth limit for size of tree being planted and who is responsible for care of tree.
of tree care

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

As a dog that has been a companion to the deceased I consider it important but dog should be well managed on a lead. Also 1 dog only.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

This process should be supervised by Council staff.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

N/A

Submission ID:	6003
Name:	Charlotte Warren
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6002
Name:	Nori Odlum
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6001
Name:	Martine Grut
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	6000
Name:	Anne Ramsay
Organisation:	Ngaruawahia Community House
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

As long as dogs are on a lead and under the control of their owner why would it be a problem

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

For many whanau both Māori and Pakeha this is a great form of closure and doing your best for your loved one.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5999
Name:	Marcee Williams
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I think it is valuable to have this option available

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I think that dogs on a lead should be allowed.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

It is a therapeutic process that help families participate in the process of bidding farewell to their loved ones. It would be good to have the option to if you wanted to

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5998
Name:	Cynthia Tucker
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5997
Name:	Adrianna Astle
Organisation:	n/a
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Sustainability is so important to consider, and this is another area to consider.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Pets are part of families, so being able to bring your dog to visit a loved one is supportive and caring. It would be ideal to allow them to be part of a family activity.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5996
Name:	Sian Broughton
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Wonderful idea

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5995
Name:	Tracey Unsworth
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5994
Name:	Neil Goode
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Strange that it's in the by-law given that it's a custom in large parts of England and a very strong Irish custom to this day.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5993
Name:	Wendy Lee
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

With limited green spaces in cities, it is great to open up cemeteries to those wishing to enjoy these peaceful, green spots with their dogs, and for mourners needing the comfort of a pet. As long as dogs are on leads, and there are clear rules about cleaning up after them, and keeping them on leads, then I think it is a great idea to allow dogs in cemeteries.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

As long as this practice is monitored to ensure it is implemented sensitively, I think it should be allowed. I hope Clause 19.3 will be removed.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Thanks for the consultation opportunity!

Submission ID:	5992
Name:	Reneebradley Bradley
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5991
Name:	Tracey King
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Think you mean a tree is planted (but buried).

Wonderful plan .

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Thank you - I am very pleased with these changes being considered.

Submission ID:	5990
Name:	Michelle McElwain
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5989
Name:	Louise Edmonds
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5988
Name:	graham deadman
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5987
Name:	Allister Martin
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

This is a fantastic idea and would be my own preferred method of burial.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

So long as they know what they are doing and we don't have a load of collapsed grave sites, this should be fine.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5986
Name:	Jake Death
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5985
Name:	Shane McCarthy
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5984
Name:	Donna Henton
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

I do not believe people will abide with keeping dogs on a lead and so to allow this may open up a can of worms which could evolve into an uncontrollable dog problem at cemeteries. From our point of view, our parents and grandparents at Jackson Street Cemetery would not rest in peace having dogs running all over them, and would cause us stress having dogs there whilst visiting. On Christmas Day, there are over 100 people visiting their loved ones, what would happen if they all took a dog?

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

No

Comments:

I believe you will lose quality control

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5983
Name:	Carolyn de Malmanche
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5982
Name:	Natasha Vallance
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5981
Name:	Marie Finlay
Organisation:	Garyowen Properties Ltd
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5980
Name:	Tania Alach
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Need to ensure that dog owners pick up after their dogs. It will be a few that ruin it for the majority of people.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

No

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5979
Name:	Melinda Grey
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

No

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5978
Name:	Janine Skepper
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

As long as on-lead only and not able to wander around cemetery off lead. Maybe provide rubbish bins for dog owners to pick up any mess left.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5977
Name:	Tonia Cawood
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5976
Name:	Samellia Pene
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5975
Name:	Jeanie Richards
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I think this is a great initiative and will reduce the cost of burials for whanau/family as well as being environmentally friendly, in years to come beautiful tree/shrub filled cemeteries will be the result

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

another sound idea, fits in with cultural practices and provides an opportunity for whanau to contribute to the filling on process.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5974
Name:	Raewyn Byrne
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this section

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5973
Name:	Carolyn Hopa
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5972
Name:	Dana Sides
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I strongly agree that dogs should be allowed in cemeteries. Cemeteries in Auckland such as Waikumete allow dogs on leads and they are beautiful peaceful places to visit and pay respects to the dead with your little doggie companion. Even more so important with the decline in dog parks in North Waikato!

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5970
Name:	Wikiwira Pokiha
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

He kaupapa nui teenei mo ngai maori

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs are family members too, they want to visit our loved ones too. It's a part of a healing journey for the whole whaanau

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5969
Name:	Alida Palmer
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I believe his is a wonderful thoughtful idea not only for the health of the environment but for the family to return and see the tree that represents their passes loved one.

Very much kinder on the ecosystem

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I definitely agree with this as mentioned above dogs are a huge source of comfort and a treasured family member in many many households

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5968
Name:	Andrew Wilde
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I strongly support dogs being allowed on lead in cemeteries to assist with respectful grieving. Also needs more benches in cemeteries

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Involving family in the respectful burial of their loved ones should be allowed and encouraged

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5967
Name:	Carol Shirley
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Awesome idea

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Yes this is not appropriate, cemetery's are places to reflect in peace and quiet ,there are plenty places for dogs to go ,dog parks etc ,,will people pick up their toilet business ,and I certainly don't want a dog peeing on my loved ones graves ,animals don't know any better ,I'm appalled by this suggestion .

It's a total lack of respect .

Dogs also bark ,they can't be controlled 100 per cent .

What is the purpose of even thinking of introducing such a thing .

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5966
Name:	Mary Lyall-Brennan
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Fabulous idea. Far better for the environment as natural decomposition is better than the contamination of formalin.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Digs are family members and should be treated as such. They should also be allowed on all waikato beaches.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Grief is a very personal state. The filling in of a grave is a very important part of the grieving process for some people so not to have this as an option is dehumanising.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Thank you for your time.

Submission ID:	5965
Name:	Aksel Bech
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	Yes

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Gives additional choice to respect wishes of deceased and the bereaved.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Dogs can be cherished family members -and might be a valuable companion for a recently bereaved family member and as such, if well controlled and behaved, can be a support to the family left behind.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

I have taken part in backfilling a burial site in a grave yard in a different council area -it was initially confronting but the experience was quite cathartic and became, for the friends and family gathered, an activity that amounted to "one last favour for a mate" that was greatly appreciated.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

With considerations around space available within existing Council controlled cemeteries as well as the general environmental impact of burials, I would encourage WDC to install columbariums (walls of remembrance that can house urns and/or small sentimental items) and see if this additional option gains favour. I have included an image as an example -there are several present in NZ already, often with an RSA section in one area- and I feel they would add a respectful yet responsible (capital cost, maintenance and environmentally wise) additional offering in Council controlled cemeteries.

Submission ID:	5963
Name:	Jenny Kelly
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5962
Name:	Joanne Small
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

A dog definitely help when grieving and the dog may also have belonged to the deceased so it feels right for the family to bring the dog.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5961
Name:	Tracy Nunn
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5960
Name:	Wayne Browning
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Natural burials are an eco friendly way for the final disposition of the deceased. There is less impact on the earth, natural regeneration of plants without dangerous chemicals such as formaldehyde being leached into the earth, and it's a loving and peaceful way to be laid to rest.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

As an avid animal lover, I love dogs. However, a cemetery is no place for a dog, whether it's on a leash or not. Dogs bark at the most inopportune moments, and a dog barking would disturb the natural peace and quiet found in a cemetery. Also, a number of owners don't bother to clean up after their animals, and dog excrement in a public cemetery isn't a good look.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Whanau and loved ones have been backfilling graves for years elsewhere, it is a significant cultural tradition that allows a whanau to have their final goodbyes with their loved one, and they can make sure that their loved one is laid to rest with the utmost care, dignity and love.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

I am an ex Funeral Director with over 25 years experience in the NZ death care industry.

Submission ID:	5959
Name:	Renee McLean
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I think this should always be an option, other than cultural beliefs, caskets are expensive and create a financial burden to people when organising a funeral, and is better for the environment as it decomposes.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Not sure why dogs shouldn't of been allowed, they are part of the family and would want to take them to a grave of a passed loved one

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

No

Comments:

I don't think I agree with this, though it's nice at the site to out some dirt in, it could end with people falling in after losing balance and could cause more harm than good.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5958
Name:	Marieke van Kooten
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5957
Name:	Alanah Knaggs
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5956
Name:	Sally House
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5955
Name:	Jacqueline McGowan
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5954
Name:	Judith Woodham
Organisation:	Judith Woodham
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5953
Name:	Kelly Upston
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I would like there to be the provision to plant an (site appropriate) tree/bush on the site. Obviously there would need to be controls over what can be planted.

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Ideally not around the grave sites but if more park benches/' quiet Reflection' seating could be provided for people to sit with their dog would be lovely.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

No

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5952
Name:	Carter Stark
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5951
Name:	Colin Sherrard
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

No problem with it

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Council staff may need to tidy site up

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5950
Name:	Stacey Meyer
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5949
Name:	Wiea Montemezzani
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5948
Name:	Linda Smith
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5947
Name:	Troy Rodger
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5946
Name:	Kathy Barakat
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5945
Name:	Charlotte Hintz
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

It would be hard to regulate, people wouldn't clean up after the dogs, and I seriously doubt people would keep them on leads.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Only if it's done properly.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5943
Name:	Katrina Daysh
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

As someone who would to take my dog to be by my sisters side, this would mean so much. To allow my family to grieve with the things that meant the most to her.

However in supporting this, dogs must be on a lead and absolutely taken in to the cemetery respectful.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Culturally this is important to some family and absolutely should be allowed and encouraged.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

I appreciate the council and councillors for listening to your community and applaud you on these proposed changes.

Submission ID:	5942
Name:	Pam Douglas
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

It is lovely to visit loved ones with a canine, that can help with the sense of loss.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

I do not have a response for this question

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5941
Name:	Mo Neville
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Ensure waste disposal readily available

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5937
Name:	Jamie Toko
Organisation:	Sincere Funeral Services Ngaruawahia
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

In part:

- a) I agree that a deceased person that has not been embalmed, can be buried naturally within a shroud or wharaaki.
- b) Consideration must be given to the whanau with regard to a memorial stone or plaque of some kind as opposed to a shrub or tree being planted.
- c) Also, even though this proposed option is very natural, that this burial option does not become the option for the future i.e No embalmed deceased person is permitted in this cemetery scenario?

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Sometimes loved ones have had a dog, so yes I'm okay with the whanau taking the dog to the cemetery to visit their owner.

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Great idea, this is allowed at most cemeteries so I support this absolutely. For Maori it is an expectation that the back fill be arranged for the grieving whanau to do.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5934
Name:	Toni Joll
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5933
Name:	Emily Newman
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5931
Name:	Tiffany Brown
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Absolutely if the dog is under control why would you not allow this

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5930
Name:	Geoff Kelly
Organisation:	None
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

As long as they sanitary and don't affect water ways or ground water

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

No

Comments:

Unless they are service dogs gangs will make this a very bad law change

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

But if not done correctly the cost goes to the undertaker firstly then to the estate

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5929
Name:	Ngaire Law
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Submission ID:	5928
Name:	Robert Barlow
Organisation:	
Presenting at hearings:	No

Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

I fully support, and would support a new cemetery for rural woodland/bush type burial, for example: www.woodlandburialground.uk

Do you support allowing dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?

Yes

Comments:

It is important for the healing/grieving process

Do you support removing clause 19.3 from the Bylaw (which will allow family and friends to back-fill graves)?

Yes

Comments:

It is important to support all cultural rituals in the burial of loved ones.

Do you have any additional comments you would like to make regarding the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw?

Highlight the importance of the creation a new destination cemetery in a peaceful rural location, that is a dedicated woodland natural burial site. Rather than tagging onto existing sites.

Attachment 4 – Social Media Feedback

Waikato District Council
 16 March · 🌐

Allowing natural burials, dogs on leads in cemeteries and whanau to fill in graves themselves are three key changes proposed under our draft Cemeteries Bylaw 2023.

Do you agree or disagree? Let us know by 5pm, Sunday 16 April.

Read more: <http://ow.ly/4jSp50Njy0b>

Waikato District Council
 12 April at 17:35 · 🌐

Should dogs on leads and natural burials be allowed in cemeteries? 🐕

Whether you agree or disagree, this is your chance to have your say! Feedback closes at 5pm this Sunday 16 April.

Share your thoughts today: <http://ow.ly/4Ulo50NycHr>



- Ashleigh Kendall**
 Of course they should be allowed! Dogs are important parts of families ❤️

Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 3d
- Karen Walling**
 Yes 👍👍

Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 4d
- 👑 Top fan
Craig Cosgrove
 This will get passed quicker than building consents 😏

Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 5d
- Jo Shortland**
 Make sure you remember to fill in the submission 😊 as well as commenting 🙏

Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 5d 👍 2
- Liz Parris**
 Yes









Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 5d
- Barry Bourke**
 Yes to both.

Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 5d
- Amanda Dickinson**
 Yes to both

Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 5d
- Liana Bailey**
 That shouldn't even be a question. 🙄 They called dog is a family member for a reason.

Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 5d
- Courtney Frost**
 Done ✓

Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 5d

-  **Megan N Brodice Ryder**
Yes dogs become part of their human families and will have feelings too ❤️
- Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 5d
-  **Inger Vos**
as long as the dogs dont dig up the natural burials
- Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 5d
-  **Inger Vos**
yes
- Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 5d
-  **Catherine Lee**
Yes to both (though the juxtaposition of the two issues in the same sentence is somewhat comical 🤔).
- Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 5d  2
-  **Jude Wightman**
Waikato District Council you have someone spamming your page
- Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 5d
- ↳ 1 Reply
-  **Tim Ross**
Of course
- Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 5d
-  **Splinter Clara Dale**
Yes they have feelings too, and some have connections to there parted loved ones, why not.
- Like Reply Hide [Send Message](#) 5d

most relevant ▼

-  **Karl Wescott**
If the dog is on a leash and the owner has control of it then it shouldn't matter were people go with dogs
- Like Reply 1 w  10
-  **Jude Wightman**
Totally support dogs being allowed to say goodbye to there family as well.
- Like Reply 1 w   7
-  **Jax Graham**
Absolutely!!!! Like when Fur babies are being walked on a lead and owners clean up after them. 🙌👍
Fur babies grieve too. JS
- Like Reply 1 w Edited 
-  **Neroli Henwood**
Yes to all these proposals.
Great ideas and thanks for listening WDC
- Like Reply 4 w
-  **Vicky Haining**
All positive changes - also nice to see an online submission form that is so quick and easy to use!
- Like Reply 4 w
-  **Kathy Barakat**
Totally agree!!! Wow at last an easy access submission cheers
- Like Reply 5 w
-  **Dana Sides**
Yes to dogs on leads in cemeteries!
- Like Reply 5 w

To	Policy and Regulatory Committee
Report title	Deliberations report on the proposed Cemeteries Bylaw 2023
Date:	1 May 2023
Report Author:	Jodi Bell, Corporate Planner
Authorised by:	Anthony Averill, Acting Deputy General Manager Service Delivery

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To assist the Policy and Regulatory Committee (Committee) with their deliberations on the proposed Cemeteries Bylaw 2023 and to recommend the bylaw to Council for adoption.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopototanga matua

The proposed Cemeteries Bylaw (the Bylaw) was approved for consultation by Council on 7 March 2023 and was consulted on between 15 March and 16 April 2023. A total of 232 submissions were received with five submitters requesting to speak at the Council hearing at the time this report was written.

Staff recommend that, subject to any amendments directed by the Committee as a result of the hearing, the proposed bylaw is adopted by Council on 07 June (Option 1).

3. Staff recommendations Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Policy and Regulatory Committee:

- a. **considers all submissions on the notified *Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw 2023* pursuant to section 83 and 150 of the Local Government Act 2002; and**
- b. **provides direction to staff on any further changes to make to the Cemeteries Bylaw 2023; and**
- c. **recommends to Council to revoke the Cemeteries Bylaw 2016 and adopt the Cemeteries Bylaw 2023 (Option 1).**

4. Background Koorero whaimaarama

The Cemeteries Bylaw 2016 came into force on 17 July 2016 and covers:

- Burials; ashes, plots and graves;
- Disinterment;
- Memorials and Adornments;
- Ground Maintenance;
- Animals; and
- Safety;

Section 158 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires bylaws to be reviewed five years after they were made, however, there is a two-year grace period for the review to take place before the bylaw is automatically revoked. This means the bylaw will be revoked on 17 July 2023 if the review isn't adopted prior.

The proposed Cemeteries Bylaw was presented to the Committee at their 07 March 2023 meeting. The Committee agreed to consult on the Cemeteries Bylaw between 15 March and 16 April 2023. The proposed changes to bylaw are:

- Inclusion of natural burial clauses
- Allowing dogs on-lead to enter cemeteries
- Remove the clause that prevents family and loved ones from backfilling graves.

This report has been prepared based on written submissions received during the consultation process. Council is hearing submitters on 1 May 2023.

5. Discussion and analysis Taataritanga me ngaa tohutohu

Formal consultation took place between 15 March and 16 April 2023.

Consultation was advertised on Council's Facebook page, a public notice published in local newspapers and a media release issued. Waikato district community boards, community committees and mana whenua were also advised.

Shape Waikato is Council's main portal for engagement with the community. A total of 232 submissions were received on the proposed bylaw and five submitters requested to speak at the hearing at the time this report was written. For all submissions, please refer to the hearings report.

Matters raised in submissions:

CLAUSE 1: INTRODUCTION

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 2: REVOCATION

No submissions were received in relation to this clause, the clause will be updated as to reflect the revocation of the 2016 bylaw.

CLAUSE 3: PURPOSE

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 4: DEFINITIONS

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 5: BURIALS

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 6: EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF BURIALS

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 7: NOTIFICATION OF BURIAL

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 8: PLOTS AND GRAVES

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 9: ASHES

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 10: DISINTERMENTS

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

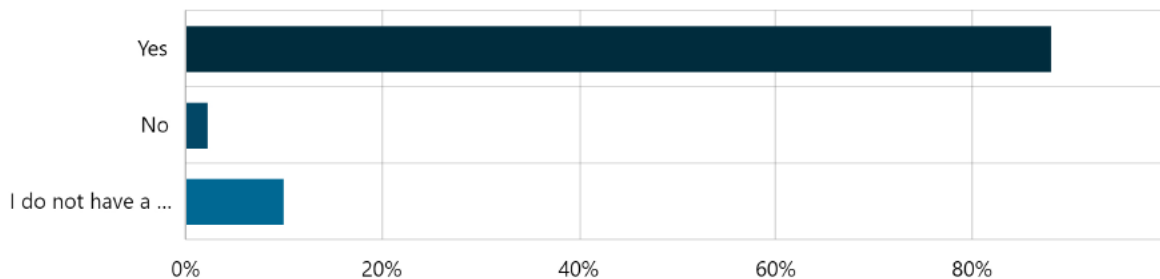
CLAUSE 11: MEMORIALS AND ADORNMENTS

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 12: NATURAL BURIALS

The proposed bylaw included allowing for natural burials areas in cemeteries. Natural burials, or 'eco-burials,' are the interment of a body in the soil undertaken in a manner that does not slow down the decomposition process and allows the body to decompose naturally (without embalming). This is intended to provide an environmentally friendly burial option in the Waikato District.

The submission form asked: Do you support creating Natural Burial Areas in Council Controlled Cemeteries?



(Yes = 87.93% / 204, No = 2.16% / 5, No Response 9.91% / 23)

The submission responses that did NOT support the proposed change included the following themes:

Submitter point	Staff Response	Staff Recommendation
One submitter was concerned with the possibility of bodies being exposed by animals and queried the depth of a shallow grave. They also suggest that growth limits for trees are required and queries who would be responsible for the care of the tree.	Natural burial graves are dug to a standard depth that allows for microbial activity that aides in decomposition. There is no risk of exposure post burial. Trees and shrubs would be pre-approved and all maintenance will be managed by our operational team as per the rest of the cemetery.	That the clause remains as is.

The submission responses that did support the proposed change included the following themes:

Submitter point	Staff Response	Staff Recommendation
Fourteen submitters stated natural burials are good for the environment, citing natural decomposition and the absence of chemicals in the ground as the main reasons for this position.	Supported by staff.	The implementation of this bylaw would allow for this.
One submitter noted that sustainability is important to consider.	Supported by staff.	The implementation of this bylaw would allow for a more sustainable approach to burials.
One submitter stated this is an important environmental topic for Maaori.	Supported by staff.	The implementation of this bylaw allows for cultural values to be implemented in the burial process.
Two submitters stated that it is good to have more options available.	Supported by staff.	The implementation of this bylaw would allow for this.
One submitter provides that it will allow communities to more closely adhere to their traditional tikanga as they become more environmentally conscious.	Supported by staff.	The implementation of this bylaw would allow for this.
Two submitters stated that natural burials will enhance the visual amenity of cemeteries and will provide a thoughtful space.	Supported by staff.	The implementation of this bylaw would allow for this.
One submitter suggested a new cemetery for a rural woodland/bush type burial and highlighted the importance of creating a new destination cemetery as opposed to adding on to existing sites.	This is an option being considered by staff.	Staff to investigate acquisition of additional land specific for natural burials.
One submitter suggested a designated living arboretum.	This is currently out of scope.	Staff to consider in future planning.

Submitter point	Staff Response	Staff Recommendation
Six submitters noted that natural burials would alleviate some of the common cost pressures associated with funerals.	Supported by staff.	Full costs to be investigated with contract partners and advertised to the public.
Two submitters stated the need for natural burials to be sanitary and positioned properly to prevent any groundwater contamination.	Supported by staff.	Locations of natural burial areas to be investigated fully before use.
One submitter stated that public access will need to be monitored to those plots used for natural burials to ensure the plots are secure.	Monitoring of Natural Burial sites will not be possible. There is no increased risk for Natural Burial sites then there is for traditional burial sites.	No risk to burials. Education to be provided to the community about burial depth and security.
One submitter stated that the interred did not have any contagious diseases.	There is no risk of contamination at the time of burial.	All health matters to be monitored by relevant District Health Board
One submitter suggested that there should be options for ashes below trees similar to Eden Garden in Auckland. They suggest setting aside an area for natural burials that allow non-native trees also to allow cultural preferences for immigrants.	We currently have provision of ashes berms in all our cemeteries. Staff support investigation ash natural burial provisions and non native tree options.	Staff to consider allocation of Natural Burial spaces for Ashes burials. Staff to investigate appropriate non-native trees to include diverse cultural preferences.
Two submitters stated the need for guidelines for choice of trees to manage their size and pruning requirements.	Supported by staff.	All trees and shrubs will be vetted and approved by maintenance team.
One submitter stated consideration must be given to allow a memorial stone or plaque opposed to a tree or shrub. They question if there is an option for the future than no embalmed deceased person be allowed in the cemetery.	Natural burial sites do not allow the provision of markers unless they are biodegradable. Staff are unaware of any future plans for change in regulations around embalming.	Staff to investigate the option of a memorial plaque rock similar to Newstead Natural Burial site.
One submitter questioned how the space would be managed and	Staff will manage Natural Burial spaces by selecting	Sites to be investigated fully to consider future growth

Submitter point	Staff Response	Staff Recommendation
state they don't know a lot about the topic and suggests making more national parks and plant natives.	cemeteries with capacity for this style of burial. Staff are also investigating the acquisition of additional land specific for Natural burials,	and need for land acquisition.

Staff considered all the submissions in relation to this clause and recommend that the clause should remain as is.

CLAUSE 13: GROUND MAINTENANCE

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 14: RECORDS

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 15: POOR PERSONS

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

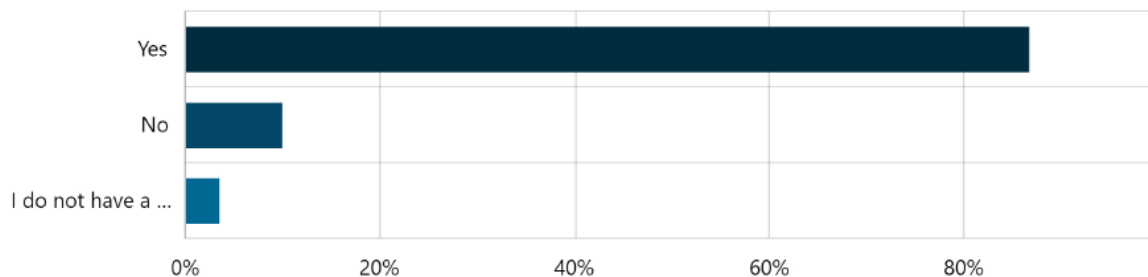
CLAUSE 16: VEHICLES IN CEMETERIES

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 17: DOGS AND HORSES

The proposed bylaw included allowing for dogs on leash in cemeteries. This is intended to acknowledge the importance of dogs to some people.

The submission form asked: Do you support dogs on-lead in Council Controlled Cemeteries?



(Yes = 86.64% / 201, No = 9.91% / 23, No Response = 3.45% / 8)

The submission responses that did NOT support the proposed change included the following themes:

Theme	Staff Response	Staff Recommendation
Ten submitters were concerned people will not clean up after their dogs and faeces will be left behind.	Dog owners have a responsibility under ... for picking up dog faeces.	Investigate options for having dog faeces bins stationed in the cemeteries.
Five submitters were concerned that where dogs urinate cannot be controlled and they may pee on graves and headstones.	Dogs would be on a leash and therefore this behaviour should be within the control of the owner.	Signage will be in place stating dogs must be on leads.
Eight submitters were concerned owners do not always control their dogs and do not keep them on-lead	It is a requirement of this Bylaw, as well as the Dog Control Bylaw for dogs to be kept on leads in public places.	Signage will be in place stating dogs must be on leads.
Three submitters were concerned the Clause will be difficult to regulate, and Council will need to enforce the rules	The rules will need to be enforced.	Signage will be in place reminding public of the rules.
Three submitters are concerned dogs will interrupt the peace and quiet by being unruly and barking.	It is a requirement of ... that owners must keep their dogs under control.	Include behavioural rules on signage.
One submitter is concerned the deceased will not rest in peace having dogs running around.	Having dogs present within the cemeteries should not affect the peacefulness of the environment.	Complaints will be monitored and education provided in the first instance if required.
One submitter is concerned dogs will cause visitors stress.	Dog owners should ensure their dogs are not causing stress to members of the public.	Include behavioural rules on signage – recommending owners to keep dogs away from other visitors / burials.
One submitter is concerned it is not fair for kids who are scared of dogs.	Owners should be aware if anyone is about who is scared of their dog and take appropriate action to keep members of the public safe.	Include behavioural rules on signage – recommending owners to keep dogs away from other visitors / burials.

Theme	Staff Response	Staff Recommendation
One submitter stated dogs should not be allowed in cemeteries as they are Tapu areas.	This was not raised by Iwi in our original consultation as an issue for consideration.	Local Iwi could be consulted further on this issue.
One submitter suggested allowing one dog only.	This would be hard to enforce and does not follow other district wide dog rules.	This would not be able to be enforced.

The submission responses that did support the proposed change included the following themes:

Theme	Staff Response	Staff Recommendation
Twelve submitters stated dog faeces needs to be removed by the owner	This is a district wide responsibility of dog owners.	Signage should be in place reminding public of the rules.
Eight submitters requested facilities such as bins and bag dispensers for dogs to be supplied.	This is not currently a service we provide for cemeteries. We will need to investigate costs of bins and operational cost of having cemetery bins added to a scheduled pick up.	Apply for increased level of services costs through Asset Management Plans
One submitter stated appropriate signage for on-lead needs to be displayed	Supported by staff	Appropriate signage to be installed in all cemeteries
Ten submitters stated dogs must be on lead and controlled	Supported by staff	Dog owners are responsible for the management of their dogs while in public spaces.
Eighteen submitters stated dogs can help people cope with loss and assist in the grieving process	Supported by staff	Staff to consider including this in public facing comms if this is approved.
Nineteen submitters stated dogs are companions and part of the family	Supported by staff	Staff to consider including this in public facing comms if this is approved.

Theme	Staff Response	Staff Recommendation
One submitter stated with limited green spaces in cities it is great to open cemeteries to allow people to enjoy the peaceful green areas with their dogs.	Cemeteries are always open to the general public to sit in for reflection. There is a wide variety of green spaces within the urban areas of the Waikato District Council that currently allow Dogs on Leads.	Staff recommend dog owners explore our list of dog exercise areas online https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/animal-control/dog-exercise-areas
One submitter suggested a quiet seated reflection area for people to sit with their dogs.	There is seating provided within council cemeteries.	Staff encourage the public to use the seating facilities currently in our Cemeteries
Three submitters stated there are insufficient places and parks to take their dogs and this clause helps with the lack of facilities.	This is influenced by the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2022	Staff recommend dog owners explore our list of dog exercise areas online https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/animal-control/dog-exercise-areas
One submitter did not realise you were not already allowed dogs	This is a historic clause in our bylaw. Signage is in cemeteries advising dogs are prohibited,	Staff to audit signage currently in Cemeteries.
Four submitters stated dogs grieve too and should be able to mourn their owners	Staff have no comment for or against this	The implementation of this bylaw would allow for that.
One submitter stated there must be strong consequences if they are found off lead	Agreed	Infringements to be in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996, Section 66 - Infringement Offences
Two submitters questioned who is going to enforce the rules	If someone observes someone not abiding by the regulations they can contact Animal control WDC	Education is key along with signage, and the Council animal control team can follow up with enforcement.
Three submitters suggested a specific separate area to allow dogs	Would not be appropriate to have restricted areas within the cemeteries.	Staff recommend dog owners explore our list of dog exercise areas online https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/animal-control/dog-exercise-areas
Two submitters stated dogs are less destructive than humans	Staff note the comments of the submitter.	No change is required.

Theme	Staff Response	Staff Recommendation
One submitter stated dogs should be allowed to visit the cemetery only and not used for casual walkers	Staff would not be able to monitor this level of detail or enforce.	Dog walkers to be considerate of the other users of the Cemetery.

Staff note the comments made by the submitters and have not recommended any change to the proposed Bylaw.

CLAUSE 18: NUISANCE

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

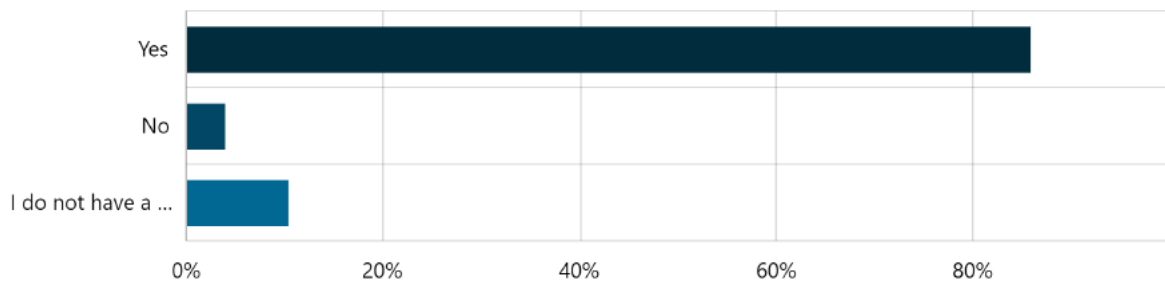
CLAUSE 19: ADVERTISING

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 20: SAFETY

The proposed bylaw included removing clause 19.3 that prevents family and loved ones from backfilling graves in cemeteries. Removing clause 19.3 will allow loved ones to do it themselves (if they wish) in the presence of Council staff.

The submission form asked: Do you support removing clause 19.3 that prohibited anyone other than Sexton or Staff backfilling grave sites?



(Yes = 85.78% / 199, No = 3.88% / 9, No Response = 10.34% / 24)

The submission responses that did NOT support the proposed change included the following themes:

Submitter point	Staff Response	Staff Recommendation
1 submitter is concerned people could fall in after losing balance	Staff consider this to be low risk. Demonstration can be given from Sexton for safe operating procedure. Advise caution and ask families to consider their own abilities when participating in the backfilling.	Sexton to give demonstration of safe technique if requested.
1 submitter states Council charge enough for a plot, they should backfill it themselves	This is an option for families – not compulsory.	This is an option for families – not compulsory.
1 submitter was concerned backfilling would impact quality control	Completion of the burial is over seen by our contractors which ensures quality control.	No changes required.

The submission responses that did support the proposed change included the following themes:

Submitter point	Staff Response	Staff Recommendation
16 submitters stated backfilling helps with the grieving and healing process for family and friends	Supported by staff.	The implementation of this bylaw would allow for that.
2 submitters state it is important for families to put earth in the grave and it is expected that should be allowed to do it	Supported by staff.	The implementation of this bylaw would allow for that.
2 submitters state backfilling is one of the last things you can do with your loved one	Supported by staff.	The implementation of this bylaw would allow for that.
2 submitters state Council (or Sexton or Police) need to oversee the process to ensure there are no foreign materials included and it meets health criteria	Our Sextons remain present at the burial until completion.	No changes required to current process as Sexton remain onsite until completion.
2 submitters state it needs to be implemented sensibly and we don't end up with collapsed grave sites	The backfilling of graves is overseen by Sextons so will not impact structural integrity of graves.	Oversite from Sextons ensures no risk to graves.

Submitter point	Staff Response	Staff Recommendation
5 submitters stated backfilling is culturally significant to various groups of people	Supported by staff.	The implementation of this bylaw would allow for that.
1 submitter stated Maaori prefer to backfill	Supported by staff.	The implementation of this bylaw would allow for that.
1 submitter states Maaori have a responsibility to complete the mourning process and the initial clause took away their traditional rights to do so	Supported by staff.	The implementation of this bylaw would allow for that.
1 submitter states backfilling should be whanau exclusive	This would need to be managed by the families involved.	This would need to be managed by the families involved.
1 submitter requests to take the cost off and allow the 12-month grieving process, when it is a baby let them remove the topsoil. They also state council should allow a reserve plot fee.	Graves must be prepared by the Sexton – otherwise safety of grave can be compromised. Council does have provisions for pre-purchasing of plots.	Staff recommend community come into an office to speak to our staff about re-purchasing of plot. This information is also available online.
1 submitter states up in Northland they allow the option to dig the grave if your budget does not cover a grave digger.	We do not currently have provisions for this.	Staff do not support a change to the bylaw to allow for this.
1 submitter stated shovels should be supplied and mourners should not have the obligation to complete the process.	Supported by staff. Contractors remain on site until the completion of the burial.	Staff to investigate the supply of shovels as part of contractor equipment.
4 submitters stated council staff will need to oversee the process and tidy up.	Supported by staff. This is standard practice.	This is standard practice.
1 submitter states any change should stipulate the percentage of soil from the digging or re-opening of the burial site to be used to backfill the site.	Staff are currently unable to provide this level of detail.	Staff to speak to contractors to advise average volume of soil required for backfilling.
1 submitter referred to backfilling being a custom in England and Ireland.	Supported by staff.	The implementation of this bylaw would allow for that.
1 submitter stated it is awkward having council watch the process and not let grieving people handle the final stages.	Contractors are required to remain on site to ensure the completion and safety of the burial.	Contractors to follow standard practice and remain respectful of grieving families.

Staff note the comments provided by submitters and recommend no changes to the proposed Bylaw.

CLAUSE 21: FEES AND CHARGES

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 22: OFFENCES

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 23: PENALTIES

No submissions were received in relation to this clause and staff recommend that this clause is adopted with no changes.

CLAUSE 24 GENERAL

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One submitter stated cemeteries should be celebrated and treated as a park. They suggested planting trees to sit under to reflect and spend time with lost ones.	Staff thank the submitter for their comments and can investigate this further in future.
One submitter suggested adding more park benches	Seating is review annually and upgraded as required
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5.1 Options

Ngaa koowhiringa

There are two reasonable and viable options for the Committee to consider. This assessment reflects the level of significance (see paragraph 6.1) and Council's legislative requirements. The options are set out below.

Option 1. The Committee deliberates and recommends to Council to adopt the Cemeteries Bylaw 2023.

Option 2. Council undertakes further review and consultation of the bylaw.

*Staff recommend **Option 1** as feedback indicates majority support for the changes proposed in the bylaw. Another point in favour of this option is that the Cemeteries Bylaw 2016 will be automatically revoked on 17 July 2023 and, should the proposed bylaw not be adopted, this would leave WDC without any legislation managing the matters contained within the bylaw.*

5.2 Financial considerations

Whaiwhakaaro puutea

There are no material financial considerations associated with the recommendations of this report. However, financial support will be required to obtain the necessary land to accommodate natural burials and a future review of any additional fees and charges will need to occur. Staff will undertake assessments and provide more detail to Council once this is done.

If dogs on lead are to be permitted in WDC Cemeteries, staff anticipate funding for signage indicating 'dogs are permitted on-lead only' and providing rubbish bins to dispose of droppings will be covered by existing budgets.

5.3 Legal considerations **Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture**

Section 145 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) gives Council the power to make bylaws for one or more of the following purposes:

- a) Protecting the public from nuisance;
- b) Protecting, promoting, and maintaining public health and safety;
- c) Minimising the potential for offensive behaviour in public places.

Additionally, Section 16 of the Burials and Cremation Act 1964 gives Council specific authority to make bylaws for the purpose of maintaining and regulating Council-owned cemeteries.

The Bylaw must be adopted by 17 July 2023 to avoid automatic revoking of the current Bylaw and Council being left without the necessary means to regulate activities and operations for WDC cemeteries.

Upon adoption, the Bylaw will revoke the 2016 Bylaw and will become the new Bylaw.

5.4 Strategy and policy considerations **Whaiwhakaaro whakamaaherehere kaupapa here**

This report and recommendations are consistent with the Council's policies, plans and prior decisions.

5.5 Maaori and cultural considerations **Whaiwhakaaro Maaori me oona tikanga**

Staff have considered Māori tikanga (values) regarding the tapu (sacredness) surrounding burial of the tuuaapaku (deceased) and the processes involved. During the period of early engagement, a hui was held with representatives of Waikato Tainui and Taupiri Maunga urupā trustees to discuss any queries, concerns, and feedback they had on the Bylaw.

Waikato Tainui is supportive of the inclusion of provisions for natural burials as it supports the preservation of the health of Papatuaanuku. They voiced their support of a minimum depth cover of 800mm as shallower burial allows for the tūpāpaku to decompose naturally further supporting the preservation of Papatuaanuku.

5.6 Climate response and resilience considerations **Whaiwhakaaro-aa-taiao**

The decisions sought by, and matters covered in, this report are consistent with the Council's [Climate Response and Resilience Policy](#) and [Climate Action Plan](#). Policy 9.3 of the Climate Response and Resilience Policy states '*Ensure that low emission, climate-resilient development is adopted as a key tenet into development and land-use decisions.*'

Natural burials allow for decomposition to occur at a more natural rate and having as minimal environmental impact as possible. Allowing natural burials in WDC cemeteries provides families and individuals the opportunity to consider a low-emission burial option.

5.7 Risks Tuuraru

The decision being sought through this report is of low to moderate risk using Councils risk assessment tool. However, if the Committee does not recommend consultation on the Bylaw be undertaken for the specified period, delays in adoption of a new Cemeteries Bylaw prior to the automatic revoking of the 2016 Bylaw could result. Council would then have no bylaw enabling it to regulate and set standards for the operation of Council cemeteries.

6. Significance and engagement assessment Aromatawai paahekoheko

6.1 Significance Te Hiranga

The decisions and matters of this report are assessed as of medium significance, in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

6.2 Engagement Te Whakatuutakitaki

Highest level of engagement	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The community and stakeholders were consulted in accordance with section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.				

External stakeholders that have been or will be engaged with:

Planned	In Progress	Complete	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	Internal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	Community Boards/Community Committees
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	Waikato-Tainui and Mana whenua
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	Affected Communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	Affected Businesses

7. Next steps Ahu whakamua

This bylaw has been brought to the Policy and Regulatory Committee recommending adoption, subject to any amendments directed by the Committee as a result of the hearings and deliberations, by Council on 07 June 2023.

Following adoption, all submitters will be contacted by email to advise on Council's decision on the bylaw. To ensure the community are informed, information will be published on Council's website, a Facebook post will be published on Council's Facebook page and media release will be issued.

8. Confirmation of statutory compliance Te Whakatuuturutanga aa-ture

As required by the Local Government Act 2002, staff confirm the following:

The report fits with Council's role and Committee's Terms of Reference and Delegations.

Confirmed

The report contains sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages (*Section 5.1*).

Confirmed

Staff assessment of the level of significance of the issues in the report after consideration of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy (<i>Section 6.1</i>).	Confirmed
The report contains adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons taking account of any proposed or previous community engagement and assessed level of significance (<i>Section 6.2</i>).	Confirmed
The report considers impact on Maaori (<i>Section 5.5</i>)	Confirmed
The report and recommendations are consistent with Council's plans and policies (<i>Section 5.4</i>).	Confirmed
The report and recommendations comply with Council's legal duties and responsibilities (<i>Section 5.3</i>).	Confirmed

9. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw 2023 for Deliberations - tracked changes.

Attachment 2 – Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw 2023 for recommendation to Council (clean version).



Cemeteries Bylaw

~~2016~~2023

This Bylaw of the Waikato District Council is made pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002 and the Burial and Cremation Act 1964 and their respective amendments and all other relevant powers, hereby makes the following bylaw.

Introduction

1.0 Short title, commencement and application

- 1.1 The bylaw shall be known as the 'Waikato District Council Cemeteries Bylaw ~~2016~~2023'.
- 1.2 The bylaw shall apply to the Waikato District.
- 1.3 The Bylaw shall come into force on the date of adoption.

2.0 Revocation

The following bylaws are hereby revoked from the day this new bylaw comes into force:
'Waikato District Council Cemeteries ~~and Crematoria Bylaw 2008~~' and '~~Franklin District Council Cemeteries Bylaw 2008~~ Bylaw 2016

3.0 Purpose

~~The purpose of this bylaw is to~~ enable the Council to regulate activities and set standards for the operation of cemeteries under the control of the Council.

4.0 Definitions

For the purposes of this Bylaw, the following definitions shall apply, unless inconsistent with the context:

Authorised Officer	means any person appointed by the Council to act on its behalf and with its authority
Beam Berm	means a concrete strip that marks plot row and number and in which a headstone or plaque is placed.
Burial	means interment of a body, remains or ashes
Cemetery	means any cemetery vested in or under the control of Council and dedicated as a cemetery.
Council	means the governing body of the Waikato District Council or any person delegated to act on its behalf.
Disinterment	means the removal of a body (or remains of a body) buried in any cemetery.

Exclusive right of burial	means a right that may be purchased from the Council which grants the purchaser and his or her successor, the exclusive right of burial in a designated burial plot for a specified number of years; and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. does not create an ownership interest in the designated plot; and 2. lapses in accordance with section 10 of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964.
Grave	means the area where the body of a deceased person is, or their ashes, are buried.
Headstone	means a memorial that projects above the ground.
Interment	means the burial of a body or ashes in a plot.
Lawn cemetery	means a grass lawn cemetery where no headstones project above the ground.
Non-operational cemetery	means a cemetery that has been closed by a closing order, but may accept future ash interments.
NZS 4242: 1995	means the New Zealand Standard for Headstones and Cemetery Monuments.
Operational cemetery	means a cemetery that is accepting of new interments.
Plot	means a specified area set aside for the burial of a casket or ashes.
Sexton	means any person appointed by the Council to manage the day to day activities of any cemetery under its jurisdiction.
<u>Natural Burial</u>	<u>means an area set aside for the burial of bodies or ashes where the body is not embalmed and is contained within a casket or shroud made of biodegradable materials and the grave is not marked with any permanent material.</u>

5.0 Burials

5.1 Before a burial may take place, an application for interment must be lodged with the Council.

5.2 The application must be accompanied by:

- a) a medical certificate or coroner's authorisation, as applicable;
- b) written permission from the owner of the exclusive right of burial in respect of a plot, where applicable;
- c) payment of the burial fees set by the Council.

5.3 Burials must take place:

- a) in a specific plot in respect of which an exclusive right of burial has been purchased; or
- b) in a plot chosen by the Council if no exclusive right of burial has been purchased.

6.0 Exclusive right of burial

6.1 An exclusive right of burial may be sold by the Council and may be held for sixty years. The Council will not re-purchase any presold plots.

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Cemeteries Bylaw 2023

This Bylaw of the Waikato District Council is made pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002 and the Burial and Cremation Act 1964 and their respective amendments and all other relevant powers, hereby makes the following bylaw.

Introduction

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2.0 Revocation

The following bylaws are hereby revoked from the day this new bylaw comes into force:
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