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To. BoQ Mayor – Cr. Ross Ebbels;  
CC. BoQ Councillors - Cr. Michael Grout, Cr. Isabelle Tolhurst, Cr. Fleur Hewitt, Cr. Donnie Grigau.  
CC. CEO BoQ - Mr. Martin Gill;

## **DOGS ON BEACHES PLCA SUBMISSION**

*Keep the Dogs on Beach's regulations as they are.*

PLCA has canvassed members informally and many have already completed the survey and indicated to retain the regulations with NO change.

It is clear that child safety is a key issue on beaches. Dog rushing and owners who allow dogs off lead without having clear control are still a major issue on the beaches of Point Lonsdale. The regulations allow residents and visitors to enjoy the beaches with their family's without concerns regarding a dog attack or threat.

Nobody spoken too buys into the statement of "quality time" with dogs, even dog owners as they can walk their animals throughout the borough on lead 24/7.

It is also a matter of fact there has been a reluctance of Council to issue fines for these regulations. A visit to the beaches any day will see dogs on and off leads in the non-dog beach area.

Dog poo on the beach is seen as a potential problem as many owners do not clean up after their animals and this could have a major impact on the reputation or our family friendly reputation that would also affect commerce and visitations to the commercial precinct.

Finally, the complexity of local laws and regulations is not a valid reason to do away with them or ignore the breaking of those laws. The public have a right to have their families protected in the same way as health regulations regarding pets in cafes.

Families need quality time with their children and grand-children. The changing or non-enforcement of the laws removes that safety and enjoyment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

David Kenwood – on behalf of Committee & members

President PLCA.

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