Key Changes to the Dog Management Policy 2025

This document provides a summary of the key changes between Central Coast Council's ***Dog Management Policy 2020 (amended 2022)*** and the draft **Dog Management Policy 2025**. It excludes minor wording or formatting adjustments and focuses on substantive changes that will impact the community.

DECLARED AREAS

BEACH	2020 POLICY	2025 POLICY	EXPLANATION
Sulphur Creek Beach *West of Creamery Road through to Howth*	**Dog Free Area**	**Dog Free Area**	
Midway Beach *East of Creamery Road*	**On-Leash Area**	**On-Leash Area**	
Preservation Bay Beach *Sand area only*	*Not included*	**On-Leash Area**	This beach was inadvertently left off previous mapping however has been treated as on-leash.
Johnsons Beach *Sand and playground area only*	**Off-Leash Area**	**Dog Free Area**	This proposed change, if implemented, would provide for a popular recreation beach that is dog free, in Penguin, as has existed in Ulverstone for some time.
Penguin Beach *From east of Johnsons Beach Road to Lions Park*	**On-Leash Area**	**On-Leash Area**	
Watcombe Beach From east of Lions Park	**Off-Leash Area**	**Off-Leash Area**	
Western end of West Ulverstone Beach *From Three Sisters Goat Island Nature Reserve to West of Westland Drive*	**On-Leash Area**	**Dog Free Area**	This proposed change, if implemented, would provide greater protection of known penguin habitat.
West Ulverstone Beach *From east of Westland Drive to Queen Street*	**On-Leash Area**	**On-Leash Area**	
Picnic Point Beach *From East of Picnic Point to the Leven River*	**On-Leash Area**	**On-Leash Area**	
Western end of Buttons Beach *From Leven River to west of Victoria Street*	**Off-Leash Area**	**Off-Leash Area**	
Buttons Beach *Between Victoria Street and Buttons Creek*	**Dog Free Area**	**Dog Free Area**	
Eastern end of Buttons Creek Beach *From west of Buttons Creek to the turning circle*	**Part Off-Leash Area** **Part On-Leash Area**	**Off-Leash Area**	This proposed change, if implemented, would provide for clearer community understanding and convenience.
Fishponds *From the turning circle to the Fishponds*	**Dog Free Area**	**Dog Free Area**	
Western end of Turners Beach *From east of Claytons Rivulet to west of Turners Beach Road*	**Off-Leash Area**	**Off-Leash Area**	

BEACH	2020 POLICY	2025 POLICY	EXPLAINATION
Turners Beach *From east of Turners Beach Road to the Forth River*	**On-Leash Area**	**On-Leash Area**	
Leith Beach *From east of the Forth River*	*Not included*	**Off-Leash Area**	This beach was inadvertently left off previous mapping. This proposed change, if implemented, would provide Leith residents with convenient access to an off-leash area.
All Council Sports Grounds *Playing Surfaces only*	**Dog Free Area**	**Dog Free Area**	
Shared Pathway *From Sulphur Creek to Leith*	**On-Leash Area**	**On-Leash Area**	
Ulverstone Dog Park	**Off-Leash Area**	**Off-Leash Area**	
Penguin Dog Park	**Off-Leash Area**	**Off-Leash Area**	

POLICY FRAMEWORK & ALIGNMENT

The 2025 Policy now aligns with Council's Strategic Plan (2024–2034) and Term Plan (2023–2026), and introduces commitments to Customer Focus and Safety, and emphasises transparency and accountability.

DEFINITIONS & TERMINOLOGY

The 2025 policy includes an expanded list of definitions (e.g., Authorised Person, Dog Free Beach, Kennel Licence, RSPCA, Working Dog).

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

The 2025 Policy introduces a detailed Code of Responsible Ownership, including breed suitability, health care, exercise, training, nuisance behaviour, explicit ban on tethering to bicycles, and expanded nuisance definitions.

REGISTRATION & KENNEL LICENCE

The 2025 Policy makes the requirements for a Kennel Licence clearer and introduces pro-rata refunds on the death of a dog.

COMPLAINTS PROCESS

The 2025 Policy provides a more formalised complaints process and expands on processes for roaming dogs and dog attacks.

AFTER-HOURS SERVICES

The 2025 Policy provides clearer guidance on after-hours service to collect dogs at large and dogs responsible for attacks if whereabouts known.

Important Note

This summary highlights the key changes proposed in the new Dog Management Policy. It is not a definitive or exhaustive list of all changes. Community members are encouraged to read the full draft Dog Management Policy 2025 before providing feedback.

Questions?

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