



**WHANGANUI  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

# **Proposed Council-Owned Housing Policy 2021**

## **Volume of Submissions**

# Pensioner Housing Policy

**Number** 001  
**Reference** 247041830210914  
**First name** Arlene  
**Last name** Hamilton  
**Organisation**  
**Role**  
**Location** Aramoho (Lower Aramoho, Upper Aramoho)

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

Agree

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

I have had pets most of my life and find them a comfort and emotionally supportive. They are companions and can help with loneliness.

### CREATION OF A GUIDELINE

**That Council move the operative provisions of the Pensioner Housing Policy into a guideline which the Property Team can make minor changes to without going through a full Council meeting.**

Strongly agree

The guideline would be able to receive minor changes to keep it up-to-date and relevant for residents and applicants. Major changes would still need to be approved by elected members.

### GENERAL UPDATES

**That Council update the policy structurally, including changing the name, making grammatical improvements, and other similar changes.**

Agree

These updates are not substantive, but ensure that the policy remains clear and effective in its purpose, including updating the name to the "Council-Owned Housing Policy".

### Further comments

**Submission method** Online

# Pensioner Housing Policy

<b>Number</b>	002
<b>Reference</b>	001041836215714
<b>First name</b>	Melanie
<b>Last name</b>	Bovey
<b>Organisation</b>	
<b>Role</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Gonville (Balgownie, Tawhero, Gonville South, Gonville East, Gonville West)

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

Strongly agree

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

I fully support allowing pets at the pensioner housing complex. Having pets provides a lot of comfort to people who can be lonely and isolated. I think the choice of allowed pets is good as most of the complexes aren't set up to allow keeping dogs in properties, perhaps the policy could be amended to ensure any cats are neutered?

### CREATION OF A GUIDELINE

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Agree

The guideline would be able to receive minor changes to keep it up-to-date and relevant for residents and applicants. Major changes would still need to be approved by elected members.

It would be good to change to a guideline to allow staff at their discretion to allow activities or slight changes to policies to improve tenants lives or living conditions.

### GENERAL UPDATES

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Agree

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### Further comments

It is great that you are doing this consultation around keeping pets at the units. I am sure it will enhance the lives of the tenants and benefit their wellbeing. Great to see Council focusing on the needs of the tenants.

**Submission method** Online

# Pensioner Housing Policy

<b>Number</b>	003	<b>Not Speaking</b>
<b>Reference</b>	189041856215514	
<b>First name</b>	Ian	
<b>Last name</b>	Jones	
<b>Organisation</b>		
<b>Role</b>		
<b>Location</b>	Springvale (Springvale West, Springvale East, Mosston)	

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

Disagree

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

Should also include small lap dogs.

### CREATION OF A GUIDELINE

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Agree

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### GENERAL UPDATES

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### Further comments

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# Pensioner Housing Policy

**Number** 004  
**Reference** 962041900214614  
**First name** Petrina  
**Last name** Denton  
**Organisation**  
**Role**  
**Location**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

Strongly agree

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

Pets are very important to the older person for company. They would often have a pet before entering these homes. I think dogs should be included with severe restrictions such as on lead or caged and maybe only small dogs.

### CREATION OF A GUIDELINE

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Strongly agree

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Some things may need action before the next meeting. Also we need to trust people to make good decisions

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### Further comments

**Submission method** Online

# Pensioner Housing Policy

<b>Number</b>	005	<b>Not Speaking</b>
<b>Reference</b>	874040726214415	
<b>First name</b>	Wayne	
<b>Last name</b>	Lambert	
<b>Organisation</b>		
<b>Role</b>		
<b>Location</b>	Springvale (Springvale West, Springvale East, Mosston)	

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

Strongly agree

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

Why not?! These tenants often live alone, just because they live in close proximity to other people doesn't mean they're social. Having a companion whether it be an animal may be all they have. This would improve their mental and emotional health having a really great impact on their overall well being!

They should be allowed a companion!!!

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# Pensioner Housing Policy

**Number** 006  
**Reference** 539040837210415  
**First name** Lenny  
**Last name** Ellwood  
**Organisation**  
**Role**  
**Location** Aramoho (Lower Aramoho, Upper Aramoho)

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

Disagree

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

To be honest, I can't see it working out. I'm a pet lover myself, having twice given up pets to move into council flats. Hard as it was, I can see the logic of not allowing pets, especially cats as not everyone is a cat lover & can see problems as even the strays & "kept" cats in units don't have the best toilet manners & "go" wherever they feel like, which causes annoyance to other residents. Also, if all units where I live had a cat, there'd be 28 moggies running around causing all sorts of noise & mayhem, especially at night. Then there's the problem where if a resident is hospitalized, or worse, what happens to the pets? The council may have the best intentions with this trial, but what happens after the 12 months & they decide against it? Gonna be harder for residents to have to again get rid of beloved pets. As I said earlier, I love animals, have had cats in the past, but can't honestly see this working out.

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Minor repairs would get done a lot quicker, & not shelved & forgotten.

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# Pensioner Housing Policy

<b>Number</b>	007
<b>Reference</b>	119041859213415
<b>First name</b>	Angus
<b>Last name</b>	McKinlay
<b>Organisation</b>	
<b>Role</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Springvale (Springvale West, Springvale East, Mosston)

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

Agree

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

I think fish or birds are great but cats are not a great idea.  
If all people in the flats have a cat it would be bedlam.  
You just cannot have that many cats in one place.

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### Further comments

**Submission method** Online

# Pensioner Housing Policy

**Number** 008  
**Reference** 388042104214017  
**First name** Melissa  
**Last name** Robinson  
**Organisation**  
**Role**  
**Location** Aramoho (Lower Aramoho, Upper Aramoho)

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

Strongly agree

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

### CREATION OF A GUIDELINE

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### GENERAL UPDATES

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### Further comments

Of course the elderly need to be able to have pets! But why not also consider a small dog for medical purposes too - eg anxiety dogs etc.

**Submission method** Online

# Pensioner Housing Policy

<b>Number</b>	009	<b>Not Speaking</b>
<b>Reference</b>	175050938212518	
<b>First name</b>	Josephine	
<b>Last name</b>	McGrath	
<b>Organisation</b>		
<b>Role</b>		
<b>Location</b>	Whanganui East (Williams Domain, Wembley Park, Kowhai Park)	

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

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### CREATION OF A GUIDELINE

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### Further comments

Good afternoon. I am glad you have seen the light. Pensioners are caring people with respect for their pets. Pets give a good feeling to their human carers and quite often, the pets are the reason to get out of bed in the morning. At night we make sure they are safe and have a comfortable life.

Stress free.

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to be able to offer this feedback.

Well done.

**Submission method** Email

# Pensioner Housing Policy

**Number** 010  
**Reference** 485050948215418  
**First name** Helen  
**Last name** Collins  
**Organisation**  
**Role**  
**Location** Springvale (Springvale West, Springvale East, Mosston)

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

Agree

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

Existing pets would be aged comfort to resident. Maybe not replaced when deceased. Inspector? to monitor.

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Agree

The guideline would be able to receive minor changes to keep it up-to-date and relevant for residents and applicants. Major changes would still need to be approved by elected members.

Faster response to any problems

### GENERAL UPDATES

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### Further comments

**Submission method**

Delivered

# Pensioner Housing Policy

**Number** 011  
**Reference** 334052348211207  
**First name** Dianne  
**Last name** Price  
**Organisation**  
**Role**  
**Location** Bastia Hill / Durie Hill

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

Strongly agree

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

Many elderly people are very lonely and having a pet is good for their health and wellbeing. But I do believe that if they have a cat, it should be de-sexed and microchipped.

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**Submission method**

Online

# Pensioner Housing Policy

<b>Number</b>	012	<b>Not Speaking</b>
<b>Reference</b>	072051936210609	
<b>First name</b>	Jacqui	
<b>Last name</b>	Hughes	
<b>Organisation</b>		
<b>Role</b>		
<b>Location</b>	Castlecliff (Castlecliff North, Castlecliff South, Mosston)	

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

Neither agree nor disagree

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

Dogs should be given consideration. Like cats dogs should be confined indoors sunset to sunrise to protect native bird populations.

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Agree

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### GENERAL UPDATES

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Agree

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### Further comments

**Submission method** Online

# Pensioner Housing Policy

**Number** 013  
**Reference** 383050957212118  
**First name** Murray  
**Last name** Stevens  
**Organisation**  
**Role**  
**Location**

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

### CREATION OF A GUIDELINE

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### Further comments

**Submission method** Post

# Pensioner Housing Policy

<b>Number</b>	014	<b>Not Speaking</b>
<b>Reference</b>	616050806214912	
<b>First name</b>	Emily	
<b>Last name</b>	Mason	
<b>Organisation</b>		
<b>Role</b>		
<b>Location</b>	Castlecliff (Castlecliff North, Castlecliff South, Mosston)	

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.** Strongly agree

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

Pets have helped me through very difficult times and illnesses. Often our older people live alone and a pet will keep them company and give them something to love.

### CREATION OF A GUIDELINE

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### GENERAL UPDATES

**That Council update the policy structurally, including changing the name, making grammatical improvements, and other similar changes.** Strongly agree

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### Further comments

I am a little concerned with the terminology of fish and birds. An upper limit for these should be in the policy.

**Submission method** Online

# Pensioner Housing Policy

<b>Number</b>	015	<b>Not Speaking</b>
<b>Reference</b>	358051027212521	
<b>First name</b>	Justine	
<b>Last name</b>	Burgess	
<b>Organisation</b>		
<b>Role</b>		
<b>Location</b>	Castlecliff (Castlecliff North, Castlecliff South, Mosston)	

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

Strongly agree

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

The ability to keep a much loved pet would help with companionship and aid mental well-being

### CREATION OF A GUIDELINE

**That Council move the operative provisions of the Pensioner Housing Policy into a guideline which the Property Team can make minor changes to without going through a full Council meeting.**

Strongly agree

The guideline would be able to receive minor changes to keep it up-to-date and relevant for residents and applicants. Major changes would still need to be approved by elected members.

Allows flexibility for small changes and as long as the main document references this one people will be able to find it easily

### GENERAL UPDATES

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Strongly agree

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Anything that means documents are easier to understand and logically named makes sense

### Further comments

**Submission method** Online

# Pensioner Housing Policy

<b>Number</b>	016
<b>Reference</b>	139051125212421
<b>First name</b>	Denise
<b>Last name</b>	Brettell
<b>Organisation</b>	
<b>Role</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Gonville (Balgownie, Tawhero, Gonville South, Gonville East, Gonville West)

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

Strongly agree

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

At Christmas 2015 my husband of 17 years passed away, I was left in a large house with no immediate family in the area save our beloved Tabby, Flash Gordon. He was my husband's cat, and my last tie to him, and was for a long time the only reason I got out of bed - he needed me.

The loss of my husband did result in both grief and depression, Flash Gordon was on many days the only living creature I saw.

As part of my recovery I became aware of the research on how owning a pet has positive effects on our health.

Mental Health -

<https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/healthy-living/o/owning-a-pet-is-good-for-your-mental-wellbeing/>

Mental Health - <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.2752/089279305785593938?journalCode=rfan20>

Physical Health - [http://happierhuman.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/6.](http://happierhuman.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/6.-Pet-Ownership-and-Health-in-Older-Adults.pdf)

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Physical and Mental Health -

<https://www.helpguide.org/articles/mental-health/mood-boosting-power-of-dogs.htm>

There has also been positive benefits found when animals are taken to visit older people in rest home situations, and the research supports interactions between animals and people at all ages.

I appreciate that the council is considering limiting animals to cats, birds and fish - but any animal can have a benefit.

I would strongly support this move by the council as a way of enriching the living environment of its tenants, in a small way yet significant way of supporting the objective of providing housing with a quality of life for those older members of our community.

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Agree

The guideline would be able to receive minor changes to keep it up-to-date and relevant for residents and applicants. Major changes would still need to be approved by elected members.

I believe the above as written appears to be okay, I have concerns that changes may be delayed because of the need for elected council approval. There needs to be an assurance these issues will be dealt with in a timely manner and not get mired in bureaucracy.

# Pensioner Housing Policy

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## Further comments

## Submission method

Online

# Pensioner Housing Policy

**Number** 017  
**Reference** 134050832210628  
**First name** Donna  
**Last name** Brown  
**Organisation**  
**Role**  
**Location** Whanganui Central (Laird Park, Whanganui Central, Whanganui Collegiate)

Not Speaking

## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

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Strongly agree

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

Known research about pet companions for mental and health benefits for elderly

### CREATION OF A GUIDELINE

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Disagree

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### GENERAL UPDATES

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Disagree

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### Further comments

**Submission method** Online

# Pensioner Housing Policy

<b>Number</b>	018
<b>Reference</b>	618050837214528
<b>First name</b>	Ray
<b>Last name</b>	Brightwell
<b>Organisation</b>	Whanganui Ratepayers Association
<b>Role</b>	Chairman
<b>Location</b>	

Not Speaking

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### Further comments

Our main concern is about the suggestion: "Creation of a Guideline" aimed at moving "the operative provisions of the Pensioner Housing Policy into a guideline" to enable the Property Team to make minor changes "without going through a full Council meeting".

In the interests of efficiency and cost-cutting this idea appears to have merit, but much depends on the definition of "minor" and what is actually meant by "moving into". Does this mean the establishment of another council unit?

We see no problem with a change of name from "Pensioner Housing Policy" to "Council-owned Housing Policy". The implication is that Council intends retaining ownership of our pensioner accommodation - a policy we are sure most ratepayers would endorse.

**Submission method** Delivered

# Pensioner Housing Policy

**Number** 019  
**Reference** 358050847210328  
**First name** M  
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## KEY ISSUES

### ALLOWING PETS

**That Council trial allowing pets at the Eugene Crotty, Walter Nash and Puriri Street facilities.**

Pets would be limited to fish, birds, or a cat, and residents may have to rehome a pet if the pet causes damage to the property or disturbs other residents or pets.

### CREATION OF A GUIDELINE

**That Council move the operative provisions of the Pensioner Housing Policy into a guideline which the Property Team can make minor changes to without going through a full Council meeting.**

The guideline would be able to receive minor changes to keep it up-to-date and relevant for residents and applicants. Major changes would still need to be approved by elected members.

### GENERAL UPDATES

**That Council update the policy structurally, including changing the name, making grammatical improvements, and other similar changes.**

These updates are not substantive, but ensure that the policy remains clear and effective in its purpose, including updating the name to the "Council-Owned Housing Policy".

### Further comments

I've seen so much sadness & loneliness working as a carer/support worker. I've been a carer working in the community for years. Pets are a part of these peoples lives. Many have either No Family Contact of Friends, week after week, month after month.

A Pet gives them an incentive/responsibility, companionship - to get up & face the day. Something to talk to & care for. You can loose your voice/ability to speak if you don't talk. Your voice goes quieter & quieter.

Why trial only a few Council dwellings? Theres allot of Pet friendly people. This is not fair.

I beleive having a Pet by an older person especially is necessary for their wellbeing.

I do understand Rules must be in place, if animals damage, tennants pay.

PLEASE expand this trial to ALL Council Flats.

**Submission method** Delivered