



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

**Proposed
Keeping of Animals,
Poultry and Bees Bylaw
2020**

Submissions

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: jezza102@hotmail.com
Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw
Date: Monday, 9 March 2020 11:17:02 AM



Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw

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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Male
Age group	50 - 59 years
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	Whanganui Central (Laird Park, Whanganui Central, Whanganui

	Collegiate)
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	No
KEY ISSUES	
Cats That a maximum of four cats be allowed per premises and that cats be desexed unless they are intended to be kept for breeding purposes.	Agree
Please provide reasons for your response?	Whilst I agree that there should be a limit to the number of animals a person can have, if the animals are well cared for and do not annoy neighbors, there should be some flexibility to the limit. I have had 6 cats in the past, most of them old and rescued from the street.
Bees That a maximum of two hives per premises be allowed within an "Urban Area" or within a two kilometre buffer around the Whanganui urban area.	Agree
Please provide reasons for your response?	I haven't had an issue with bees, again people need to be responsible for the hives and people living around them.
Definition of "Urban Area" That the 'Urban Area' expanded to include properties zoned rural settlement in the Whanganui District Plan	Neither agree nor disagree
Please provide reasons for your response?	
Minor amendments That the following minor amendments be made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redrafting the bylaw to follow the Parliamentary Counsel Office Drafting Manual; • Removing the express provision for the grazing of horses behind a temporary electric fence; • Allowing Kunekune pigs to 	Neither agree nor disagree

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<p>meet the standard stock rules provided that they are wholly grass fed without supplementary feeding; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limiting the number of stock units that may be grazed on an urban premises based on the size of the premises.	
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	
<p>Further comments</p>	
<p>Supporting documents</p>	<p>File(s) not provided</p>
<p>I would like to speak in support of my submission</p>	<p>No</p>

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Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw
Date: Wednesday, 6 May 2020 12:43:16 PM



Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw

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Daytime phone number	
Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Female
Age group	
Ethnicity	Maori
Location	Whanganui Central (Laird Park, Whanganui Central, Whanganui Collegiate)

Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	No
KEY ISSUES	
<p>Cats</p> <p>That a maximum of four cats be allowed per premises and that cats be desexed unless they are intended to be kept for breeding purposes.</p>	Neither agree nor disagree
Please provide reasons for your response?	It depends on how responsible the owner is and whether they have enough room for them. Four might be too many for some people/property, but fine for others
<p>Bees</p> <p>That a maximum of two hives per premises be allowed within an "Urban Area" or within a two kilometre buffer around the Whanganui urban area.</p>	Neither agree nor disagree
Please provide reasons for your response?	
<p>Definition of "Urban Area"</p> <p>That the 'Urban Area' expanded to include properties zoned rural settlement in the Whanganui District Plan</p>	Neither agree nor disagree
Please provide reasons for your response?	
<p>Minor amendments</p> <p>That the following minor amendments be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redrafting the bylaw to follow the Parliamentary Counsel Office Drafting Manual; • Removing the express provision for the grazing of horses behind a temporary electric fence; • Allowing Kunekune pigs to meet the standard stock rules provided that they are wholly grass fed without supplementary feeding; and 	Neither agree nor disagree

Limiting the number of stock units that may be grazed on an urban premises based on the size of the premises.	
Please provide reasons for your response?	
Further comments	Please ban dogs from parks, the riverbanks and Virginia Lake. Far too many owners don't keep them on leads, allow them to scare children and dont pick up their poo. A dog killed a duck at the lake yesterday in front of my 2 and 4 year old children. When I told the owner it should be on a lead she verbally abused me, spat towards me and told me that we should "watch out backs"
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No

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

**Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees
Bylaw**

Submissions close 4.00pm Sunday 12 April 2020

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Alternatively, please return this form, or send your written submission to:

Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw
Whanganui District Council
101 Guyton Street
Whanganui 4500

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Organisation: If you are completing this submission on behalf of an organisation please name the organisation and your role:
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Oral submissions

If you wish to speak to Council in support of your written submission please tick the box below.

- Yes I would like to speak in support of my submission (please ensure you have completed the details above, including contact **phone number**)

Note: Hearings will be in late May 2019. If you have indicated that you wish to speak on your submission we will contact you to arrange a time.

If you would be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council please tick the box below and ensure your contact details have been completed.

- Yes I would like to be involved in future consultation and am happy for you to retain my contact details.

Thank you for your submission

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Please indicate your level of agreement with the following proposals presented in review of the Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw.

KEY ISSUES	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Cats					
That a maximum of four cats be allowed per premises and that cats be desexed unless they are intended to be kept for breeding purposes.					
Please provide reasons for your response?	<p style="font-family: cursive;">Four cats create twice the problems that two cats do, simple maths. Limit should be two.</p>				
Bees					
That a maximum of two hives per premises be allowed within an urban area or within a two kilometre buffer around the Whanganui urban area					
Please provide reasons for your response?	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>				
Definition of 'Urban Area'					
That the 'Urban Area' expanded to include properties zoned rural settlement in the Whanganui District Plan					
Please provide reasons for your response?	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>				

Thank you for your submission

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KEY ISSUES	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Minor amendments					
<p>That the following minor amendments be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redrafting the bylaw to follow the Parliamentary Counsel Office Drafting Manual; Removing the express provision for the grazing of horses behind a temporary electric fence; Allowing Kunekune pigs to meet the standard stock rules provided that they are wholly grass fed without supplementary feeding; and Limiting the number of stock units that may be grazed on an urban premises based on the size of the premises. 					
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>				

Please use this space to provide reasons for your responses to the above and to provide further comments regarding the review of the Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw. In particular, if you disagreed with any of the proposals please let us know why and provide any alternative options you may have:

Cats should be micro-chipped + registered also
 Contained at night.
 Limiting the number to 2 will lessen impact on wildlife, lower the risk to human health,
 The council should not allow these animals to freely contaminate peoples gardens, and create un-sanitary conditions on neighbouring properties
 Two cat limit will halve the nuisance
 Cats have become a problem on my property putting my health at risk. Tougher
 Thank you for your submission
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 must be taken

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OPTIONAL:

Have you submitted to Council before?

Yes No

Gender: Female Male Gender Diverse

Age: Under 18 Years 18 – 29 years 30 – 39 years 40 – 49 years
50 – 59 years 60 years and over

Location:

Aramoho (Lower Aramoho, Upper Aramoho) Marybank-Gordon Park
Aramoho) Putiki
Bastia Hill / Durie Hill St Johns Hill / Otamatea
Blueskin- Maxwell Springvale (Springvale West, Springvale East, Mosston)
Castlecliff (Castlecliff North, Castlecliff South, Mosston) Whanganui Central (Laird Park, Whanganui Central, Whanganui Collegiate)
Fordell-Kakatahi Whanganui East (Williams Domain, Wembley Park, Kowhai Park)
Gonville (Balgownie, Tawhero, Gonville South, Gonville East, Gonville West) Other
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Ethnicity: NZ European Maori Asian Pacific Peoples
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African
Other

Thank you for your submission

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Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw
Date: Thursday, 23 April 2020 11:41:52 AM



Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw

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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	
Age group	60 years or over
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	Castlecliff (Castlecliff North, Castlecliff South, Mosston)

<p>Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>KEY ISSUES</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Cats</p> <p>That a maximum of four cats be allowed per premises and that cats be desexed unless they are intended to be kept for breeding purposes.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p>Cats are a nuisance - I would prefer one per household, two at the very maximum</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bees</p> <p>That a maximum of two hives per premises be allowed within an "Urban Area" or within a two kilometre buffer around the Whanganui urban area.</p>	
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Definition of "Urban Area"</p> <p>That the 'Urban Area' expanded to include properties zoned rural settlement in the Whanganui District Plan</p>	
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Minor amendments</p> <p>That the following minor amendments be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redrafting the bylaw to follow the Parliamentary Counsel Office Drafting Manual; • Removing the express provision for the grazing of horses behind a temporary electric fence; • Allowing Kunekune pigs to meet the standard stock rules provided that they are wholly grass fed without supplementary feeding; and • Limiting the number of stock units that may be grazed on an 	

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urban premises based on the size of the premises.	
Please provide reasons for your response?	
Further comments	
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: fiona@companionanimals.nz
Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw
Date: Friday, 27 March 2020 2:57:17 PM



Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw

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Organisation name	Companion Animals New Zealand
Your role	Welfare & Operations Officer
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Female
Age group	30 - 39 years
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	Other: Palmerston North

<p>Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>KEY ISSUES</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Cats</p> <p>That a maximum of four cats be allowed per premises and that cats be desexed unless they are intended to be kept for breeding purposes.</p>	
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Bees</p> <p>That a maximum of two hives per premises be allowed within an "Urban Area" or within a two kilometre buffer around the Whanganui urban area.</p>	
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Definition of "Urban Area"</p> <p>That the 'Urban Area' expanded to include properties zoned rural settlement in the Whanganui District Plan</p>	
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Minor amendments</p> <p>That the following minor amendments be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redrafting the bylaw to follow the Parliamentary Counsel Office Drafting Manual; • Removing the express provision for the grazing of horses behind a temporary electric fence; • Allowing Kunekune pigs to meet the standard stock rules provided that they are wholly grass fed without supplementary feeding; and • Limiting the number of stock units that may be grazed on an urban premises based on the size of the premises. 	

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Please provide reasons for your response?	
Further comments	
Supporting documents	Bylaw submission - CANZ Whanganui April 2020.docx - Received
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No



27th March 2020

Dear Whanganui District Council,

Introduction

Companion Animals New Zealand (CANZ), formerly the New Zealand Companion Animal Council, is a body of individuals and organisations that educate the community on providing A Good Life for companion animals. CANZ is committed to animal welfare, and to advancing responsible companion animal guardianship in New Zealand. Our hope is that all companion cats in New Zealand can enjoy A Good Life.

CANZ welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed changes to the Whanganui District Council Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw. We are specifically interested in giving feedback in relation to the management of cats.

CANZ position on introducing a limit of four cats per premise

CANZ supports Whanganui District Council's proposal to introduce a maximum limit of four cats per premise.

Limiting the number of cats per premises contributes to providing an appropriate social environment for cats. In a recent study from the UK (Roija-Lang, 2019), a panel of cat welfare experts ranked social

behaviour issues related to an inappropriate home environment, including enforced group living, as the number one priority welfare issue for cats in regards to severity and duration, and the number four priority welfare issue for cats in regards to prevalence.

Unrelated cats are able to be kept in the same home environment without causing undue stress as long as those cats are familiar with each other, and as long as there is adequate provision of resources, such as food, water, hiding and resting locations, and toileting areas (Roija-Lang, 2019). However, the more cats residing in a premise, the harder it is to adequately provide for their social needs. For example, it has been shown that cats benefit from provision of secluded, raised locations where they can hide away from other cats (Vinke, 2009). The higher the density of cats on a premise, the more difficult it becomes for an individual cat to locate a secluded hiding spot that is private from other cats. Failure to provide for a cats' social needs can lead to behavioural issues which in turn can lead to cats being abandoned, surrendered and euthanised (Alberthsen, 2016).

Furthermore, introduction of new cats into a population disrupts the local social structure and leads to aggression and social stress in cats (Bradshaw, 2016). By limiting cat numbers per premise, the frequency with which the social structure is disrupted should be reduced, so reducing the frequency of these stressful social incidents.

In setting a limit on the number of cats per premise, provision will need to be made for breeders, animal rescues, and foster carers. CANZ recommends an exemption to the limit on cat numbers for breeders registered with the New Zealand Cat Fancy or Catz Incorporated. We also recommend an exemption for any registered animal charities and persons who are providing foster care for cats from those charities.

CANZ position on mandatory desexing of cats

CANZ supports Whanganui District Council's proposal to introduce a mandatory desexing for cats.

CANZ considers desexing of cats to be an essential part of responsible cat guardianship. The overpopulation of cats is a well-known and recognised issue not only in New Zealand but throughout the world.

Domestic cats can reach reproductive maturity as early as 3.5 months of age (Farnworth, 2013a). Research conducted in Australia has shown that only 70% of cats are desexed prior to the age of 6 months, allowing opportunity for sexually mature cats to produce litters before they are desexed (Toukhsati, 2005).

The exact numbers of stray cats in New Zealand is not definitively known, however one study has estimated it to be around 196,000 (Farnworth, 2013b). With most companion cats in New Zealand being free roaming (Farnworth, 2010) the likelihood of interaction between owned and stray cats is extremely high. Consequently, there is huge potential for un-desexed owned cats to mate with stray cats and produce unwanted litters which contributes towards the overall overpopulation issue in New Zealand.

Each year thousands of cats and kittens are taken to animal shelters, many of which are either unsuitable for adoption or are unable to find homes and are subsequently euthanised. There is a lack of national statistics relating to cat numbers in animal shelters, however 17,570 kittens arrived at SPCA centres across New Zealand in 2017 alone (SPCA, 2019). This is representative of the issue New Zealand wide and should be addressed through implementing mandatory desexing of owned cats to prevent unwanted litters and breeding with the stray cat population, as Whanganui District Council has proposed.

As well as the benefit of reducing unwanted litters and associated euthanasia as described above, there are additional benefits to the desexing of cats (Berg, n.d., Cupp, 2014). Desexed cats engage in less nuisance behaviour e.g. roaming, fighting, spraying. Desexing has important disease prevention benefits, such as reduced mammary, uterine and ovarian tumours and pyometra (uterine infection) in females, reduced risk of testicular tumours and prostate disorders including cancer in males, and an increased lifespan in both males and females.

As well as mandating the desexing of cats, CANZ believes it is important for Whanganui District Council to mandate the age by which cats must be desexed. As described above, age of desexing plays an important role in preventing unwanted litters and so managing the cat overpopulation problem.

The traditional age of desexing of cats is 6 months. However, research suggests there is no significant behavioural and physical advantages of desexing at the traditional age of 6 months (Joyce, 2011). The New Zealand Veterinary Association supports pre-pubertal desexing of cats from 8 weeks of age and cites benefits of early age desexing including improved population control, faster surgical procedure with less trauma and stress for the individual cat, and reduced recovery times (NZVA, 2018). CANZ recommends amending the bylaw to include compulsory desexing by 4 months of age.

CANZ proposes that a cat should be exempt from desexing if

- a) The cat is owned, for the purposes of breeding, by a cat breeder registered with the New Zealand Cat Fancy or Catz Incorporated
- b) The owner provides a certificate from a veterinarian stating that the desexing of the cat will adversely affect its health and/or welfare

CANZ position on mandatory microchipping for cats

Further to the requirement for desexing and limiting the number of cats per premise, CANZ also suggests an addition to the bylaw of mandating microchipping and registering of that microchip on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR).

An important aspect of being a responsible animal owner is ensuring your pet is identifiable. CANZ believes that all pets should be able to be identified as owned. Such identification gives the animal a greater degree of protection and a much higher chance of being returned to their home when lost or stolen. Research has indicated that return-to-owner rates for cats that are microchipped is 20 times higher than for cats that are not microchipped (Lord, 2009). It is essential that all microchips are registered on the NZCAR, as an unregistered microchip cannot be used to identify a cat as belonging to a particular owner. NZCAR is the only database available in New Zealand to register microchips for cats.

There are a number of benefits to microchipping cats, both for the owner and animal, and for Whanganui District Council and other Animal Welfare Organisations.

Benefits of microchipping to the owner and animal

- Microchipping allows the owner of a lost or stolen cat to be contacted so that the cat and owner can be reunited
- Owners of cats that are injured can be promptly identified and are able to make decisions about the cats' treatment
- Cats who are microchipped are able to utilise other microchip-activated devices such as microchip-activated feeders and microchip-activated cat doors

Benefits of microchipping to Whanganui District Council and other Animal Welfare Organisations

- Cats that are causing nuisance or are non-compliant with the bylaw e.g. not desexed, more than four cats on a premise, can be identified and owners can be contacted and educated about their responsibility
- Quicker repatriation by using the NZCAR means less cost for managing and feeding found animals, and less administration and time spent on trying to locate owners using social media and advertising

Conclusion

CANZ commends Whanganui District Council's proposed bylaw changes to limit of the number of cats per premise and introduce mandatory desexing.

CANZ appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the Whanganui District Council Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw. We kindly ask that you consider our suggestions above regarding exemptions for desexing and number of cats per premise, mandating desexing by four months of age, and compulsory microchipping and registration of the microchip on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.

CANZ would welcome further engagement on these issues. If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Esam BVSc MVM

Welfare & Operations Officer, Companion Animals New Zealand

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From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
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Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw
Date: Thursday, 12 March 2020 5:43:44 PM



Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw

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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Female
Age group	40 - 49 years
Ethnicity	Other, Pākeha
Location	Gonville (Balgownie, Tawhero, Gonville South, Gonville East, Gonville West)

Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
KEY ISSUES	
<p>Cats</p> <p>That a maximum of four cats be allowed per premises and that cats be desexed unless they are intended to be kept for breeding purposes.</p>	Strongly agree
Please provide reasons for your response?	Cast, while lovely pets, do endanger native bird species. They also tend to 'inhabit' backyards of those without cats.
<p>Bees</p> <p>That a maximum of two hives per premises be allowed within an "Urban Area" or within a two kilometre buffer around the Whanganui urban area.</p>	Agree
Please provide reasons for your response?	Allowing hives is important - two hives seems reasonable. I'm uncertain as to the reasoning behind the 'buffer' area - I'm assuming that is taking into account urban growth areas of bee flight patterns?
<p>Definition of "Urban Area"</p> <p>That the 'Urban Area' expanded to include properties zoned rural settlement in the Whanganui District Plan</p>	
Please provide reasons for your response?	This is impossible to answer given that I can't find any clear information about what 'rural settlement' means (and yes, I have searched the Council website - the information may be there, but it certainly isn't easy to find!).
<p>Minor amendments</p> <p>That the following minor amendments be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redrafting the bylaw to follow the Parliamentary Counsel Office Drafting Manual; • Removing the express provision 	

<p>for the grazing of horses behind a temporary electric fence;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing Kunekune pigs to meet the standard stock rules provided that they are wholly grass fed without supplementary feeding; and • Limiting the number of stock units that may be grazed on an urban premises based on the size of the premises. 	Agree
Please provide reasons for your response?	
Further comments	
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No



Forest & Bird

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8 May 2020

Submission on Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw

To: Whanganui District Council
policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz

From: Whanganui Branch
Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society (Forest & Bird)

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Introduction

1. Forest & Bird is New Zealand's largest independent conservation organisation. Our mission is to protect New Zealand's unique flora and fauna and its habitat.
2. We congratulate Whanganui District Council for its review of the Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw and attempts to better manage cats in the District. Forest & Bird encourages Councils to adopt meaningful cat management policies and regulations to support responsible domestic cat ownership, and to remove feral and stray cats from all areas of high biodiversity value. Our submission relates to the management of cats in Whanganui.
3. We would like to speak in support of our submission.

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4. Cats are predators. Domestic cats pose a significant risk to native and endemic birds, lizards, and insects throughout New Zealand. The detrimental direct effect of cats on populations of native species has been widely recognised and documented¹² and include devastating examples such as

¹ <https://zslpublications.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1017/S095283690200328X>

² <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0006320709004133>

a recent case where a single domestic cat decimated the breeding attempts of native banded dotterels breeding on a beach in Wellington harbour, for the second season in a row.³

5. Domestic cats are also carriers of zoonotic diseases. This includes toxoplasmosis said to now be present in a high percentage of New Zealanders⁴ and a contributing factor in the death of a number of native species^{5,6,7}.
6. Domestic cats do not respect property boundaries. They are the cause of many cases of nuisance such as defecating in peoples' gardens as well as having the potential to kill the beloved pets (birds, guinea pigs etc) of those who have no control over the unwanted movements of others' free-ranging cats. Furthermore, cats (particularly entire toms) pose a significant threat to other cats and can cause innocent families large vet bills after a fight.
7. When poorly managed, irresponsible owners of domestic cats contribute to the growth of stray and feral cats, which have even more devastating impacts.⁸
8. Forest & Bird acknowledges the position cats hold as a valued companion animal to loving owners. As a loved animal, these owners also need to take responsibility for their cat's behaviour. Limiting the number of cats on a property and ensuring all cats are de-sexed and microchipped is the bare minimum of this responsibility.

Forest & Bird proposes a limit of three cats per household

9. Forest & Bird is supportive of policies in the Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw that reflect the need to better manage the negative impacts of cats. We do, however, have a number of concerns that the proposed amendments to this bylaw do not go far enough to address cat management in Whanganui, particularly given the nuisance⁹ and significant presence of strays in the city.
10. Forest & Bird supports limiting of the number of cats per household across the District. We acknowledge the results of the survey of residents but consider the proposed limit of four cats per premises to be insufficient when compared to bylaws controlling cat ownership in other districts. Fifty percent of councils that regulate cat numbers in the North Island have set the limit to three (Table 1.). We suggest that a limit of four cats per household is out of step with current best practise and the limit should be set at three.

³ <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/117263362/lone-tabby-on-its-way-to-wiping-out-second-generation-of-dotterels>

⁴ <http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/10056562/Cats-will-damage-your-mind-Morgan>

⁵ <https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/diseases/toxoplasmosis-and-hectors-and-maui-dolphin/>

⁶ https://www.researchgate.net/publication/261836844_Four_Cases_of_Fatal_Toxoplasmosis_in_Three_Species_of_Endemic_New_Zealand_Birds

⁷ <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00480169.2016.1230526>

⁸ <https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/animal-pests/feral-cats/>

⁹ Cats were the most likely animal to have had a nuisance complaint in the past 12 months in Whanganui. Results of survey presented in Statement of Proposal for Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw.

Table 1. Territorial Authorities in the North Island that currently limit cat numbers in their bylaws.

Cat limits per household	Council
Three cats	Carterton District Council ¹⁰ Masterton District Council ¹¹ Palmerston North City Council ¹²
Four cats	Rangitikei District Council ¹³ South Wairarapa District Council ¹⁴ Tararua District Council ¹⁵ Hastings District Council ¹⁶ Ruapehu District Council ¹⁸ Manawatū District Council ¹⁷
Five cats	Far North District Council ¹⁹ South Waikato District Council ²¹ New Plymouth District Council ²⁰

Forest & Bird proposes that microchipping and registering is compulsory

11. Forest & Bird believes that microchipping and registering cats should be required of all cat owners. Requiring individuals to microchip and register their cats allows for a clear delineation between stray, feral and free-roaming owned cats. Identification of cats is paramount to ensuring that effective strategies for control of un-owned cats, that Council may wish to undertake, can progress.

12. In this context, catching microchipped cats allows not only the return of someone's beloved pet²² but also presents an opportunity to educate that cat owner who may have previously been oblivious to the negative impact their cat was having in the local community. Furthermore, compulsory microchipping would bring Whanganui District Council in line with Palmerston North and Wellington City²³ Councils. Given microchipping is compulsory for dog owners, few truly loving cat owners will be put off by the imposition of the cost of microchipping to ensure the protection of their companion animal.

¹⁰https://www.swdc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/Part%206%20Keeping%20of%20Animals%20Poultry%20and%20Bees%20Bylaw_Current_0.pdf

¹¹https://www.swdc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/Part%206%20Keeping%20of%20Animals%20Poultry%20and%20Bees%20Bylaw_Current_0.pdf

¹² <https://www.pncc.govt.nz/media/3130963/animals-and-bees-bylaw-2018.pdf>

¹³ <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/files/forms/Animal-Control-Bylaw-2019.pdf>

¹⁴https://www.swdc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/Part%206%20Keeping%20of%20Animals%20Poultry%20and%20Bees%20Bylaw_Current_0.pdf

¹⁵ <https://www.tararua.govt.nz/Publications/Policies-Bylaws>

¹⁶ <https://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Bylaws/Hastings-District-Council-Consolidated-Bylaw/hastings-district-council-consolidated-bylaws-october-2016.pdf>

¹⁷ <https://www.mdc.govt.nz/Documents/Bylaws>

¹⁸<https://www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/SiteCollectionDocuments/Policies%20and%20Bylaws/Bylaws/The%20Ruapehu%20Bylaw/The%20Ruapehu%20Bylaw%202018.pdf>

¹⁹ <https://www.fndc.govt.nz/files/assets/public/objectivedocuments/governance-and-executive-management/bylaws/keeping-animals-poultry-and-bees/keeping-of-animals-poultry-and-bees-2007.pdf>

²⁰ <https://www.newplymouthnz.com/-/media/NPDC/Documents/Council/Council%20Documents/Bylaws/Bylaw%202008%20Part%202%20Animals.a.shx>

²¹ <https://www.southwaikato.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:24rtvarkd17q9s3wxfnn/hierarchy/our-council/strategies-plans-policies-bylaws/bylaws/documents/Keeping%20of%20Animals%20Poultry%20and%20Bees%20Bylaw%202017.pdf>

²² <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/97254915/cat-returns-to-wellington-family-almost-a-decade-after-she-went-missing>

²³ https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/plans-policies-and-bylaws/bylaws/wellington-consolidated-bylaw-2008/part-2_-animals#four4

13. Furthermore, compulsory microchipping and registration of cats would support Council to enforce Clause 10(4) regarding Nuisance cats. If Nuisance cats are identified and not compliant with proposed identification measures then it will be easier for Council to take precautions to reduce the Nuisance effect.

Forest & Bird supports the requirement to de-sex cats

14. Forest & Bird strongly supports the requirement to de-sex cats. We would support Council's continued provision of targeted funding towards voluntary de-sexing. We have suggested wording to strengthen the proposed regulation, presented below.

10 Cats

- (1) Except with ~~the approval of~~ a permit issued by Council, no person shall keep more than ~~four (4)~~ three (3) cats over the age of three months on a premises within an urban area.
- ~~(2) If the Council issues a permit to a person to keep more than three (3) cats under clause 10.1 then the permit holder must comply with the conditions of that permit.~~
- ~~(2) Any cat over six (6) months must be de-sexed unless the cat is:~~
- ~~(a) kept for breeding purposes; and~~
 - ~~(b) registered with a nationally recognised cat breeders body~~
- (3) Every person who keeps cats must ensure:
- (a) Cats over six months of age are microchipped and registered with the New Zealand Companion Animals Register, or other Council approved microchip registry.
 - (b) Cats over six months are desexed (unless kept for breeding purposes and are registered with a nationally recognised cat breeders' body).
- (3) Clause 9(1) and (2) do not apply to lawfully established:
- (a) vets; or
 - (b) SPCA or similar charity; or
 - (c) cat boarding premises.
- Explanatory note:*** *The boarding of cats require resource consent under the Wanganui District Plan.*
- (4) If, in the opinion of Council, the keeping of cats on a premises is or is likely to cause or become a Nuisance, Council may in writing require all or any of the following:
- (a) reduce the number of cats kept on the premises; or
 - (b) take other such precautions as may be considered by Council to reduce the Nuisance effects.
 - (c) Compliance with a notice under Clause 4 must take place within the time specified in such notice, not being less than 14 days.

Submission ends.

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: barbaramgray@gmail.com
Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw
Date: Saturday, 14 March 2020 1:47:28 PM



Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw

Thank you for your submission. We appreciate you participating in the consultation process on this issue. This email is a formal acknowledgement of Whanganui District Council's receipt of your submission. Please print a copy of this page for your records.

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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Female
Age group	60 years or over
Ethnicity	Other,New Zealander
Location	Other: Papaiti
Would you be interested in being	

involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
KEY ISSUES	
<p>Cats</p> <p>That a maximum of four cats be allowed per premises and that cats be desexed unless they are intended to be kept for breeding purposes.</p>	Strongly agree
Please provide reasons for your response?	The emphasis should be that ALL cats are de-sexed unless used for legitimate breeding. I am happy with a 4 cat limit, although I have 6 myself, two of whom were rehomed by me following my son's death, so I would like to see exemptions granted for special circumstances. But it makes sense that all cats [and dogs] are desexed as a matter of course.
<p>Bees</p> <p>That a maximum of two hives per premises be allowed within an "Urban Area" or within a two kilometre buffer around the Whanganui urban area.</p>	Agree
Please provide reasons for your response?	But only where neighbours' homes are really close to the positioning of the hives. I know the kiwifruit orchard within the 2 km buffer uses bees so that should be exempted as should any commercial venture using bees.
<p>Definition of "Urban Area"</p> <p>That the 'Urban Area' expanded to include properties zoned rural settlement in the Whanganui District Plan</p>	Neither agree nor disagree
Please provide reasons for your response?	I'm not sure about this, but am inclined to support it if properties that are 1 hectare or less as they are really just large sections. Bigger properties should be exempt
<p>Minor amendments</p> <p>That the following minor amendments be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redrafting the bylaw to follow 	

<p>the Parliamentary Counsel Office Drafting Manual;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing the express provision for the grazing of horses behind a temporary electric fence; • Allowing Kunekune pigs to meet the standard stock rules provided that they are wholly grass fed without supplementary feeding; and • Limiting the number of stock units that may be grazed on an urban premises based on the size of the premises. 	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p>Some amendments I am strongly for, others I have less opinion on. Strongly Yes: regarding kune kunes who are fully grazed in roomy paddocks and not holed up in a small pen. And strongly yes to limiting the number of stock units grazed on an urban premises based on the size of the premises. Too many over stck to the animal's detriment and often neighbours have trouble with hungry stock breaking through fences to find food.</p>
<p>Further comments</p>	
<p>Supporting documents</p>	<p>File(s) not provided</p>
<p>I would like to speak in support of my submission</p>	<p>No</p>

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: hanford.cable@gmail.com
Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw
Date: Wednesday, 18 March 2020 1:34:59 PM



Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw

Thank you for your submission. We appreciate you participating in the consultation process on this issue. This email is a formal acknowledgement of Whanganui District Council's receipt of your submission. Please print a copy of this page for your records.

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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Male
Age group	40 - 49 years
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	Castlecliff (Castlecliff North, Castlecliff South, Mosston)

<p>Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>KEY ISSUES</p>	
<p>Cats That a maximum of four cats be allowed per premises and that cats be desexed unless they are intended to be kept for breeding purposes.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p>At several time's in the recent past I have cared for more than 4 cats at a time, due to owners abandoning them by moving house and not taking them with them. All of these animals have required desexing, and in some cases, other veterinary work. I undertook this on at my own cost. I also rehomed them. I agree with having to have non breeding cats desexed, but think that the council should be more involved in tag neuter/spay and release programmes also. I'm not sure that our council have the ability to register the multitude of cats that would require registration if this became policy. Also, where are you going to home the unregistered animals that either get turned in, dumped, or caught by the animal control officers. Council hasn't even been able to build a new Dog Pound yet, let alone a council run cat facility. There is an inevitable end for a lot of the animals that will end up in a council run kill shelter, which like the pound, a cat shelter would end up becoming. Do we want more negative press around animal suffering caused by our Council? Another concern is that we don't seem to be managing problem dogs, which are a big problem here in Castlecliff. Why does the Council not take a more proactive approach and deal with individual cat owners, who's cats are causing a concern, rather than try and implement a blunt rule over the total population.</p>
<p>Bees That a maximum of two hives per</p>	

<p>premises be allowed within an "Urban Area" or within a two kilometre buffer around the Whanganui urban area.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p>I take a similar view to this as I did with the cats. Why does council just not work with people who have bee hives that are affecting their neighbours? There are 2 kiwi fruit orchards, that provide work, and local income, that are now within the 2km exclusion zone that you are proposing, as well as numerous lifestyle properties, which even if they were 1ha, would be limited to 2 bee hives. Having sufficient bee hives in the city is also important for people who grow their own fruit and vegetables. I feel that the council should actively encouraging people to have bee hives, but if they cause an issue at a particular house, maybe the council could help the bee keeper locate a better spot to have their hives.</p>
<p>Definition of "Urban Area" That the 'Urban Area' expanded to include properties zoned rural settlement in the Whanganui District Plan</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p>I steadfastly disagree with this proposal. With urban spread into rural area's, and the proliferation of lifestyle properties already occurring, this would impose unnecessary restriction on rural property owners. People move to a rural life because they want a rural life, and all that encompasses. The additional red tape this would add to farm owners in somewhere like Fordell would be ludicrous.</p>
<p>Minor amendments That the following minor amendments be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redrafting the bylaw to follow the Parliamentary Counsel Office Drafting Manual; • Removing the express provision for the grazing of horses behind a temporary electric fence; 	<p>Strongly agree</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing Kunekune pigs to meet the standard stock rules provided that they are wholly grass fed without supplementary feeding; and • Limiting the number of stock units that may be grazed on an urban premises based on the size of the premises. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">None of these issues affect me.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Further comments</p>	<p>I really think that the council should be looking to work with people that have problems with pests. This includes working the person who's "pest" (cat/dog/bee hive/horse) is causing a problem. The last thing we want is more cats being dumped out at South Beach. Support people like Mary-Lou who are trying to fix the problem.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Supporting documents</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">File(s) not provided</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">I would like to speak in support of my submission</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No</p>

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: meiklejohnjo@gmail.com
Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw
Date: Saturday, 14 March 2020 12:53:37 PM



Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw

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If you have elected to speak to the Council on your submission, Council Officers will be in touch with you to arrange a suitable time once hearing times and dates are finalised.

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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Female
Age group	60 years or over
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	Bastia Hill / Durie Hill
Would you be interested in being	

<p>involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>KEY ISSUES</p>	
<p>Cats That a maximum of four cats be allowed per premises and that cats be desexed unless they are intended to be kept for breeding purposes.</p>	<p>Disagree</p>
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p>Cost of desexing is high and you can't determine whether females are desexed. Unless micro-chipped you do not know who is the owner of any specific cat. who is to take ownership of the cat bylaw's you will need to employ another compliance officer as Animal Control are understaffed fro dog complaints Health Officers have a raft more issues to deal with, they current deal with Bees which is time consuming. I go back to basics DO NOT MAY BYLAWS UNLESS ABLE TO ENFORCE. What you are proposing is UNENFORCEABLE will raise the expectations of the general public. Look at what a failure your multidog permit is limiting 4 dogs and you expect to control cats/ Laughable.</p>
<p>Bees That a maximum of two hives per premises be allowed within an "Urban Area" or within a two kilometre buffer around the Whanganui urban area.</p>	<p>Disagree</p>
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p>I live in an urban area and behind me is 10 bee hives causing nuisance I admit I have not complained as I know the owner of the property is absent and he is the owner of the hives. Bee dung is a nuisance what ever the number of hives. If allowing in Urban area strict positioning of hives must be regulated for. The buffer zone will be hard to regulate given for example Bastia Hill part is urban part is rural (not settlement) if a buffer zone is in place for the bees stating rural is urban then so must an exclusion of other nuisances between the two zones be amended such as roosters.</p>

<p>Definition of "Urban Area" That the 'Urban Area' expanded to include properties zoned rural settlement in the Whanganui District Plan</p>	<p>Disagree</p>
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p>Expressed above. Consistency with other animal nuisances in the buffer zone, Horses, bees and roosters etc.</p>
<p>Minor amendments That the following minor amendments be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redrafting the bylaw to follow the Parliamentary Counsel Office Drafting Manual; • Removing the express provision for the grazing of horses behind a temporary electric fence; • Allowing Kunekune pigs to meet the standard stock rules provided that they are wholly grass fed without supplementary feeding; and • Limiting the number of stock units that may be grazed on an urban premises based on the size of the premises. 	<p>Neither agree nor disagree</p>
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	
<p>Further comments</p>	<p>You have not addressed permit of grazing of horses in urban area, no one applies and those that did circumstances will have changed. You have taken away the transparency of the Council Officers obligations to the public in their actions. Not everyone is aware of legislation and Council needs to be transparent in the impounding of livestock.</p>
<p>Supporting documents</p>	<p>File(s) not provided</p>
<p>I would like to speak in support of my submission</p>	<p>Yes</p>

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: brianmilham@gmail.com
Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw
Date: Friday, 13 March 2020 7:30:22 PM



Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw

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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Male
Age group	60 years or over
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	Other: Also spend time in Palmerston North.

Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
KEY ISSUES	
<p>Cats</p> <p>That a maximum of four cats be allowed per premises and that cats be desexed unless they are intended to be kept for breeding purposes.</p>	Neither agree nor disagree
Please provide reasons for your response?	Would prefer to see that the number of cats per household be limited to 3 . Have to think of bird life in the suburbs.
<p>Bees</p> <p>That a maximum of two hives per premises be allowed within an "Urban Area" or within a two kilometre buffer around the Whanganui urban area.</p>	Agree
Please provide reasons for your response?	
<p>Definition of "Urban Area"</p> <p>That the 'Urban Area' expanded to include properties zoned rural settlement in the Whanganui District Plan</p>	Strongly agree
Please provide reasons for your response?	Because of move towards more small lifestyle blocks being developed.
<p>Minor amendments</p> <p>That the following minor amendments be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redrafting the bylaw to follow the Parliamentary Counsel Office Drafting Manual; • Removing the express provision for the grazing of horses behind a temporary electric fence; • Allowing Kunekune pigs to meet the standard stock rules provided that they are wholly grass fed without supplementary feeding; and • Limiting the number of stock 	Strongly agree

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units that may be grazed on an urban premises based on the size of the premises.	
Please provide reasons for your response?	So that the welfare of the animals be considered
Further comments	nil
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: t.h.saldana01@gmail.com
Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw
Date: Tuesday, 24 March 2020 9:45:56 PM



Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw

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Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Male
Age group	18 - 29 years
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	Springvale (Springvale West, Springvale East, Mosston)

Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
KEY ISSUES	
Cats That a maximum of four cats be allowed per premises and that cats be desexed unless they are intended to be kept for breeding purposes.	Strongly disagree
Please provide reasons for your response?	Four is far more than any household can reasonably require, and would likely result in both nuisance and a health and safety hazard, as the cats are prone to defecate in neighbours' properties.
Bees That a maximum of two hives per premises be allowed within an "Urban Area" or within a two kilometre buffer around the Whanganui urban area.	Neither agree nor disagree
Please provide reasons for your response?	I don't have strong views on this, personally I quite like bees (because I like honey), but I understand that some people have allergies.
Definition of "Urban Area" That the 'Urban Area' expanded to include properties zoned rural settlement in the Whanganui District Plan	Strongly disagree
Please provide reasons for your response?	If a property has been zoned as rural, then it is, by definition, not part of the Urban Area. This is something any primary school student knows.
Minor amendments That the following minor amendments be made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redrafting the bylaw to follow the Parliamentary Counsel Office Drafting Manual; • Removing the express provision for the grazing of horses behind a temporary electric fence; 	Neither agree nor disagree

<p>Allowing Kunekune pigs to meet the standard stock rules provided that they are wholly grass fed without supplementary feeding; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limiting the number of stock units that may be grazed on an urban premises based on the size of the premises. 	
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	
<p>Further comments</p>	<p>I am deeply concerned that, in contrast to the sections which state that poultry and horses must be kept within the owner's property, there is no equivalent requirement for cats. There is absolutely no reason and no excuse for a cat owner to let their cat wander around the neighbourhood. In recent months, I have done underfloor work in four properties. Three of them had cat faeces in the underfloor cavity. Because I do a lot of manual work, I often have small cuts and scrapes on my hands. This means that the presence of cat faeces puts me at serious risk of developing an infection. The fact that you allow cat owners to let their pets wander is directly exposing me to a serious Health and Safety Hazard. It is appalling that you allow this to happen.</p>
<p>Supporting documents</p>	<p>File(s) not provided</p>
<p>I would like to speak in support of my submission</p>	<p>Yes</p>

From: [Whanganui District Council](#)
To: bsimmo@xtra.co.nz
Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw
Date: Wednesday, 18 March 2020 6:05:17 PM



Submission: Keeping of Animals Poultry and Bees Bylaw

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Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Male
Age group	60 years or over
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	St Johns Hill / Otamatea

<p>Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>KEY ISSUES</p>	
<p>Cats That a maximum of four cats be allowed per premises and that cats be desexed unless they are intended to be kept for breeding purposes.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p>Allowing four cats per property is environmentally irresponsible and risky in terms of animal welfare. Cats kill native reptiles (skinks) and birds within the city and while there is a need for companion animals for some people, the widespread proliferation of cats is a consequence of uncontrolled breeding, which in turn sees kittens gifted to new owners rather than being euthanased. Thus cat numbers have increased to the detriment of native wildlife which the city should be rich in. In addition, the probability of cat owners not caring properly for their cats increases with the age of the owner and the number of cats held. The council should in general, not support cat ownership except where companion animals are needed and all cats should be registered, micro-chipped and neutered. This will significantly reduce the animal welfare risk and risk to wildlife. One cat should be the limit except for licensed/registered breeders.</p>
<p>Bees That a maximum of two hives per premises be allowed within an "Urban Area" or within a two kilometre buffer around the Whanganui urban area.</p>	<p>Disagree</p>
	<p>Beehives within the city boundary ought not to be permitted unless there is no likely or proven nuisance from bee excrement or other issues. Bees provide no benefit to neighbours while creating issues with excrement on buildings, windows and motor vehicles. Ensuring sufficient shallow</p>

<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p>drinking water and sugar water for hives on the property holding the bees must be compulsory under by-laws as this would alleviate the excrement trails created by bees heading for water or food from fixed hive locations. I am directly affected in this way by only two hives on a nearby property and I have had enough !!</p>
<p>Definition of "Urban Area" That the 'Urban Area' expanded to include properties zoned rural settlement in the Whanganui District Plan</p>	<p>Neither agree nor disagree</p>
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p>The expectations of property owners in the rural settlement zone will differ. There are already continuous breaches of the boundary offset in the Rural Lifestyle zone and council has done nothing to detect or enforce these breaches. I imagine a horses for courses "approval subject to neighbours consent" approach will be most appropriate.</p>
<p>Minor amendments That the following minor amendments be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redrafting the bylaw to follow the Parliamentary Counsel Office Drafting Manual; • Removing the express provision for the grazing of horses behind a temporary electric fence; • Allowing Kunekune pigs to meet the standard stock rules provided that they are wholly grass fed without supplementary feeding; and • Limiting the number of stock units that may be grazed on an urban premises based on the size of the premises. 	<p>Disagree</p>
<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p>Grazing of stock other than on a temporary basis (e.g.resting horses) should not be allowed to occur in the urban zone. The use of stock as lawnmowers in the urban zone should</p>

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	in general be stopped.
Further comments	
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No

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Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Male
Age group	60 years or over
Ethnicity	Other,New Zealander
Location	Other: Maxwell
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	No

KEY ISSUES

Cats

That a maximum of four cats be allowed per premises and that cats be desexed unless they are intended to be kept for breeding purposes. Strongly agree

Please provide reasons for your response? It is a significant number. Should all be desexed!

Bees

That a maximum of two hives per premises be allowed within an "Urban Area" or within a two kilometre buffer around the Whanganui urban area. Strongly disagree

Please provide reasons for your response? The 2 kilometre buffer is unnecessary. Once you are outside city limits, there does not need to be any restrictions. The two hive rule is low. Should be four. Allows for easier management of hives if one fails etc. You also need to remember that 'one' hive may only be a nucleus and therefore not have multiple boxes of bees. Strongly disagree

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Definition of "Urban Area"

That the "Urban Area" expanded to include properties zoned rural settlement in the Whanganui District Plan

Please provide reasons for your response? I could not find a map which would show the extent of this change. But rural areas are just that, rural!

Minor amendments

That the following minor amendments be made:

- Redrafting the bylaw to follow the Parliamentary Counsel Office Drafting Manual;
- Removing the express provision for the grazing of horses behind a temporary electric fence; Agree
- Allowing Kunekune pigs to meet the standard stock rules provided that they are wholly grass fed without supplementary feeding; and
- Limiting the number of stock units that may be grazed on an urban premises based on the size of the premises.

Please provide reasons for your response? Seems reasonable.

Further comments

Supporting documents File(s) not provided

I would like to speak in support of my submission No

From: Whanganui District Council [<mailto:noreply@whanganui.govt.nz>]

Sent: Friday, 6 March 2020 3:10 PM

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Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Female

Age group	30 - 39 years
Ethnicity	NZ European
Location	St Johns Hill / Otamatea
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
KEY ISSUES	
<p style="text-align: center;">Cats</p> <p>That a maximum of four cats be allowed per premises and that cats be desexed unless they are intended to be kept for breeding purposes.</p>	Agree
Please provide reasons for your response?	
<p style="text-align: center;">Bees</p> <p>That a maximum of two hives per premises be allowed within an urban area or within a two kilometre buffer around the Whanganui urban area.</p>	Neither agree nor disagree
Please provide reasons for your response?	
<p style="text-align: center;">Definition of "Urban Area"</p> <p>That the 'Urban Area' expanded to include properties zoned rural settlement in the Whanganui District Plan</p>	Neither agree nor disagree
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<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	
<p>Further comments</p>	
<p>Supporting documents</p>	<p>File(s) not provided</p>
<p>I would like to speak in support of my submission</p>	<p>No</p>