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Communities**

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TO ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

CIRCULAR N° 18-2014

***DOG AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2014 AND THE CAT AMENDMENT
REGULATIONS 2014***

Note: Action may be required by your Council before 31 July 2014.

Local Governments are advised that both the *Dog Amendment Regulations 2014* (Dog Regulations) and the *Cat Amendment Regulations 2014* (Cat Regulations) were published in the *Government Gazette* on Tuesday, 20 May 2014.

Since the full introduction of both Regulations in November 2013, a number of amendments have become necessary. The amendment to the Dog Regulations, detailed below, may require action by your Council by 31 July 2014.

The attachment to this circular provides an outline of the other amendments to both the Dog and Cat Regulations.

Dog Regulations - changes affecting local laws

Many local laws establish dog exercise areas, or prohibit dogs absolutely from areas, under the local government's control.

From 1 November 2013 the Dog Amendment Act removed a local government's ability to make local laws in respect of these two areas. In order to relieve local governments from having to remove these provisions from their local laws by following the local law making process set out in section 3.12 of the *Local Government Act* the Dog Regulations provide a sunset date (**31 July 2014**) for the operation of those clauses.

This means that if a local government has a local law containing clauses which establish dog exercise areas, or prohibit dogs absolutely from areas, these clauses will be inoperable from **31 July 2014**. Should local governments wish to establish exercise areas or specify places where dogs are prohibited, they must now do so via a council resolution (by absolute majority) in accordance with amended section 31 of the *Dog Act 1976* rather than through a local law.

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Local Governments are required to give 28 days notice of the intention to specify dog prohibited areas or dog exercise areas. Once the council resolution has been passed, the local government should inform the public of the new restrictions via appropriate signage at relevant public places, on their website and on Council noticeboards.

The Joint Standing Committee has also requested that to make allowance for assistance dogs, such council resolutions should be consistent with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth). To ensure consistency with this Act a suggested council resolution is:

The following areas are declared dog exercise areas/prohibited areas [insert the specific details as appropriate for the district].

This resolution is subject to any written law and any law of the Commonwealth about assistance animals as defined in the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Commonwealth) section 9(2)*.

If you have any queries on the changes to the Regulations, please contact Ms Julie Knight, Principal Policy Officer, on (08) 6552 1595 or email to julie.knight@dlgc.wa.gov.au



Jennifer Mathews
DIRECTOR GENERAL

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Dog Amendment Regulations 2014 and the Cat Amendment Regulations 2014 - Outline of Amendments

The following is an outline of amendments to the *Dog Amendment Regulations 2014* (Dog Regulations) and the *Cat Amendment Regulations 2014* (Cat Regulations) provided by the Department of Local Government and Communities as an attachment to Circular N° 18-2014.

Dog Regulations and Cat Regulations

The prescribed microchip implanter courses have been amended to include the Certificate IV in Local Government (Regulatory Services). This change was made so that Rangers who have completed this course (along with the prescribed implanter course) will be able to microchip cats and dogs.

Other changes have been made so that both Regulations reflect other courses that are available through Western Australian Registered Training Providers.

Dog Regulations and Cat Regulations

The "Global Microchip Registry Pty Ltd, trading as 'Global Micro Animal Registry'" has been added to the prescribed list of microchip database companies for both Regulations.

Cat Regulations

The *Dog Act 1976* (Dog Act) provides for a local government to discount or waive a registration fee payable for a dog in its district; however, the same provision was not included in the *Cat Act 2011*. This provision has now been included in the Cat Regulations so that a local government may reduce or waive these fees.

Dog Regulations

Dog Regulations have been amended so that the collar worn by a commercial security dog is red and yellow, which is the same as the collar worn by dangerous dogs. Some local governments informed the Department that the red and silver collars (previously prescribed in the Dog Regulations) are difficult to source in Australia. Following research carried out by the Department, this view was confirmed and therefore, the collars have been amended to red and yellow.

Dog Regulations

When a local government receives a nuisance dog complaint (in the form already prescribed in the Dog Regulations) the matter is to be investigated.

If the authorised officer is satisfied that the nuisance has occurred, an order may be issued to the owner of the dog requiring the behaviour to be prevented.

The content of an order to prevent a dog being a nuisance has now been included in the Dog Regulations. This is not a prescribed form but may be used by local governments to ensure compliance with the Dog Act.

Dog Regulations

The following minor drafting errors have been amended

1. On Schedule 1, Form 2 - Item 3 - *Dog Act 1976*, section 29(5a), the words 'that has attacked a person' have been changed to 'that has attacked'. Footnote (7) has also been amended.
2. Schedule 1, Form 4 - Part B now includes 'microchip database company'.
3. Regulation 33 - in the Table: Item 10, Column 2 and Item 11, Column 2, 'owner' has been amended to 'company'.
4. Regulation 32 - Schedule 1, Form 7 of the Dog Regulations is the form 'Complaint as to nuisance created by a dog'. The relevant section on Form 7 has been amended to 38(2).

Monger Reserve

Lot 588 South St, York



York Recreation & Convention Centre

Lot 53, 54 & 55 Forrest St, York



Candice Bateman Park

Lots 162, 163, 164, 165 & 166 Cardwell Road, York





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SHIRE OF YORK

DOGS AMENDMENT LOCAL LAW 2012

Under the powers conferred by the *Dog Act 1976*, the *Local Government Act 1995* and under all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Shire of York resolved on 16 April 2012 to make the following local law.

1. Citation

This local law is cited as the *Shire of York Dogs Amendment Local Law 2012*.

2. Commencement

This local law comes into operation 14 days after the date of its publication in the *Government Gazette*.

3. Principal local law

In this local law, the *Shire of York Dogs Local Law* published in the *Government Gazette* on 17 January 2001 is referred to as the principal local law. The principal local law is amended.

4. Part 1 Clause 1.3 amended

(1) Delete Clause 1.3 and insert—

1.3 Interpretation

Act means the *Dog Act 1976*;

authorised person means a person authorised by the local government to perform all or any of the functions conferred on an authorized person under this local law;

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer or an acting Chief Executive Officer of the local government;

dangerous dog has the meaning given to it in the Act;

district means the district of the local government;

local government means the Shire of York;

local planning scheme means a local planning scheme made by the local government under the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, or a town planning scheme which was made under the *Town Planning and Development Act 1928*, which applies throughout the whole or a part of the district;

pound keeper means a person authorized by the local government to perform all or any of the functions conferred on a "pound keeper" under this local law;

Regulations means the *Dog Regulations 1976*;

restricted breed dog has the meaning given to it in regulation 3 of the *Dog (Restricted Breeds) Regulations (No. 2) 2002*;

thoroughfare has the meaning given to it in section 1.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995*; and

townsite means the townsites within the district which are—

(a) constituted under section 26(2) of the *Land Administration Act 1997*; or

(b) referred to in clause 37 of Schedule 9.3 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

5. Part 2 Clause 2.3 amended

In subclause (2)—

(a) Delete the "—" and insert—

of her or his ownership of the dog or of her or his authority to take delivery of it.

(b) Delete paragraphs (a) and (b).

6. Part 3 Clause 3.1 amended

In subclause (1)—

- (a) Insert “within a townsite” after “premises”
- (b) insert new paragraph (d)—
- (d) ensure that every gate or door in the fence or wall is fitted with—
 - (i) A proper latch attached to the gate or door on the side of the fence or wall where the dog is normally kept;
 - (ii) an efficient self closing mechanism; and
 - (iii) a latch or other means which allows the gate to be locked;

7. Part 3 Clause 3.2 amended

In subclause (2) delete paragraphs (a) and (b) and substitute with—

- (a) on land, within a townsite, or zoned “rural residential” under a local planning scheme, 2 dogs over the age of 3 months and the young of those dogs under that age; and
- (b) On land zoned “rural” under the local planning scheme, 4 dogs over the age of 3 months and the young of those dogs under that age.

8. Part 4 Clause 4.7 amended

In paragraph (a) delete “town” and substitute—

local

9. Part 5 Clause 5.1 amended

In subclause (1)—

- (a) Delete “Dogs” and substitute—
Subject to section 8 of the Act and section 66J of the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984*, dogs
- (b) Delete paragraph (a) and substitute—
(a) a public building, unless permitted by a sign;
- (c) In paragraph (c) delete “*Health (Food Hygiene) Regulations 1993*” and substitute—
Food Act 2008
- (d) In paragraph (d) delete “.” and substitute “;”.
- (e) Insert, in the appropriate alphabetical order, new paragraphs (e) and (f)—
(e) a public toilet block or changing room; and
(f) a cemetery, unless otherwise provided for in the local governments local law relating to cemeteries.”

10. Part 5 New Clause 5.2

Insert, in the appropriate numerical order, new clause 5.2—

5.2 Places which are dog exercise areas

(1) Subject to clause 5.1 and subclause (1)(b) and (2), for the purposes of sections 31 and 32 of the Act, Part Lots 52, 53, 54 and 55 Henrietta Street, York (corner of Barker and Forrest Streets and Henrietta Street) are dog exercise areas.

(2) Subclause (1) does not apply to—

- (a) an area set aside by a wall or fence as a children’s playground, or where there is no wall or fence, an area within 10m of the edge of playing equipment or apparatus;
- (b) an area within 10m of the edge of a playing field being used for sporting or other activities, as permitted by the local government, during the times of such use; or
- (c) a car park, thoroughfare, access way or right of way.

11. Schedule 1 amended

Delete—

I confirm that I have read and agree to comply with the Code of Practice known as, in the keeping of dogs at the proposed kennel establishment.

12. Schedule 2 amended

In paragraph (c) insert “to a height of no less than 2m” after “government”.

13. Schedule 3 amended

- (1) In the first column of the second row delete “& (c)”.
- (2) In the third column of the third row, delete “50” and substitute “100”.
- (3) After the third row, insert a new row as follows—

3.2	Exceeding the number of dogs permitted to be kept at a premises	100	200
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- (4) In the third column of the fifth row, after “100”, insert “and a daily penalty of 10”.
- (5) In the fourth column of the fifth row, after “200”, insert “and a daily penalty of 20”.
- (6) In the third column of the seventh row, delete “40” and substitute “200”.

14. Various clauses amended

Amend the provisions listed in the Table as set out in the Table.

Part	Division	Clause	Delete	Insert
4		4.4	town	"local"
4		4.7	town	"local"

15. Redesignation of clauses

In clause 3.1 subclause (1) paragraphs "(d)" and "(e)" are redesignated "(e)" and "(f)" respectively.

Dated: 16 April 2012.

The Common Seal of the Shire of York was affixed by the authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of—

A. BOYLE, Shire President.
R. P. HOOPER, Chief Executive Officer.

Summary of Submissions – Review of Dog Exercise Areas and Certain Places Where Dogs are Prohibited Absolutely

Date Received	Correspondent	Comments
8 March 2018	York Agricultural Society	<p>We are in strong support of the existing Dog Park to be relocated from Forrest Oval Precinct and two new Dog Parks being built at Candace Bateman Park and Monger Reserve.</p> <p>With our show gaining more popularity each year, with not just local numbers but also visitors from other towns, space is a big issue for the Agricultural Society. The use of the Dog Park area would be very beneficial in opening up an additional area for stall exhibits. It would also give us additional options in regard to our current gate system and possibly utilise this area to construct a structure to form an entrance and exit gate to ensure a better and safer flow for the crowds.</p> <p>The York Agricultural Society has a “No Dogs on Show Day” ruling to ensure the safety of our patrons and the livestock that are on exhibit on Show Day. Having a Dog Park on the grounds has caused great conflict and hypocrisy to the ruling and has been a longstanding debate with some of our patrons.</p>
8 March 2018	Kathy Emin	<p>I am in strong support of the existing Dog Park to be relocated from Forrest Oval Precinct and two new Dog Parks being built at Candace Bateman Park and Monger Reserve.</p> <p>With our show gaining more popularity each year, with not just local numbers but also visitors from other towns, space is a big issue for the Agricultural Society. The use of the Dog Park area would be very beneficial in opening up an additional area for stall exhibits. It would also give us additional options in regard to our current gate system. I would like to see us utilise this area to construct a structure to form an appealing entrance and exit gate to create a better and safer flow for the crowds. Also it is the gateway to the sporting complex. I have never come across a sporting oval with so many access points. Extremely hard to man when holding a festival or carnival of sorts at the grounds.</p>
12 March 2018	Mikahla Wells	<p>I have recently moved to York and have been shown the email regarding council wanting comments on the proposition of new dog exercises in York.</p> <p>I know a number of surrounding councils have dog exercise areas located at the football/hockey fields and recreational centres and have on the spot fines for anyone who does not dispose of their dog's poo. Is there a particular reason this is not the case in York?</p> <p>This is such a great facility and is right near the dog park.</p> <p>I have family and friends who play sport and train here and would love to take my dog there and watch or exercise near by at the same time.</p>

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		<p>It is fantastic to see the council recognises the importance of a dog exercise area and believe that if doggy bags are provided and signs explaining on the spot fines for not cleaning up after your dog are used dog owners would appreciate and respect this shared facility.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts to council.</p>
12 March 2018	Shaun & Mandy Geary	<p>My family and I have major reservations about the proposed dog exercise park being located at Candice Bateman Memorial Park.</p> <p>My wife and I have constantly in the past rang former Rangers about dogs coming in and out of our yard because of people not paying attention to their dogs when they have been at said park.</p> <p>Our dog has been accused of biting someone in the past and I have been convicted of this even after getting evidence to prove my dog was not the culprit.</p> <p>We do not believe having a dog exercise area at a children's play area is the best option.</p>
9 March 2018	York Child Care Centre	<p>In reference to the above please note my view:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The current dog park at York is in prime position as an entry to the town and it is an eye sore – so I am very pleased it is being considered for review. 2. I drive past that area everyday twice per day (morn & afternoon)- only once have I seen any dog and owner using it and to be exact the owner was sitting on the tyres and the dog was running loose between the park and the hockey club oval...not actually using the area at all. 3. Can you please provide evidence stating why we need to fund and identify an area for a dog park?? I consider it an absolute waste of rate/tax payer funds. 4. In your own statement for the review, the Shire states: "Dog exercise areas are public places where dogs (apart from dangerous dogs) are allowed to be off leash." Doesn't this include any public place around town?? There are always dogs that meet that criteria dogs at Avon Park, down the main street, at townsite events, at the Oval; along footpaths around town etc.

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9 March 2018	Ron Stark	<p>5. The exercise and health & wellbeing of a dog (or any household pet) is the sole responsibility of the owner and not rate payers. Otherwise, where do we draw the line...soon we will be funding a cat exercise park or something just as ridiculous!</p> <p>6. As a household pet, dogs have the exercise park of their own home, back yard and property-it should not be up the rest of the community to provide for someone else's pet.</p> <p>7. I would be in favour of not re-locating the dog park but removing its existence entirely!</p> <p>It would be my expectation these dog areas should fenced as to retain the dogs within the prescribed area. Will this be the case?</p> <p>Candice Park is a kids play ground a bit of sports area inclding picnic ground facilities. Will the dog exercise area incorporate these other facilities or be adjacent to them?</p> <p>Kids need to play freely without the possible exposure to dogs and their droppings.</p> <p>For your favorable consideration.</p> <p>Who, in the event of a dog attack on a child etc..., would be held accountable? The Shire of York for providing the insecure dog exercise area or the owner for releasing the dog.</p> <p>Would rate payers, through the Shire, be held financially accountable?</p>
8 March 2018	Graeme and Kath Murray	<p>We have a Border Collie who is 18 months old and very active. We only have a small block, so we take her to the dog park frequently for 3 reasons; socialisation, exercise and training.</p> <p>Unfortunately, not many people take their dogs to the dog park, so it is rare that she gets to play with another dog there, and because of the amount of dog excrement(plus other substances) in the wood chip/agility area, we have both had infections in feet/paws. So we tend not to play too much in that area, although she loves the agility equipment. The other problem is that there were no signs to fine people for not doing the right thing and picking their dogs litter up after them.</p> <p>We whole heartedly agree that the dog exercise area should be moved, plus, there are requisites that need to be at a dog park including; toilets, water, shade and importantly, grass. Candice</p>

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		<p>Bateman park has all of these things and with just a mesh fence around a certain area, it would be ideal for a socialisation/training park.</p> <p>Both myself and my husband have been past trainers of German Shepherds and would like to be able to do a puppy/dog training at the park. It cannot be done at the dog park as it is now because; 1, the area is not fenced on all sides, meaning a dog that is just learning, cannot go off lead at all, until the owner is capable of controlling that dog.; 2, there are no facility's at this park.; 3, there is no shade at all. ; 4, the ground for training is too hard, especially for puppies.; 5, there is no water there, so if you take your dog, you have to take water. Some people, do not think of this. The biggest issue we see with dog is that there is no decent area where dogs can do, what dogs should do.....socialise. They get bored when locked behind gates or fences all day and someone I spoke to said that he couldn't let his dog off lead with another dog present, that is just because that dog has never been socialised.</p> <p>Our friends who have dogs (even the ones that don't) love the idea of the Candice Bateman park could also become a dog park. If fenced, it would be one of the better dog parks I have been to.</p>
8 March 2018	Pauline Walker	<p>1/. Candice Bateman Reserve. This is a lovely park with many facilities for everyone. These facilities give dog owners the opportunity to meet for a BBQ or picnic. A few of us dog owners did this until we were warned off by the Ranger. The negative of this park is it would need to be fenced, so that dogs and young children can't go onto road.</p> <p>2/. Monger Reserve. A great location. Lots of trees for shade and the river. It gets a bit boggy in the winter but it's still perfect for dogs to romp and play at all times of the year. The area is big enough for dogs and owners to get some exercise! Shade for owners to chat and meet like minded people and keep an eye on the dogs. So long as dog owners keep away from the bridge their pets will be safe.</p> <p>In my three years in York I have found the Ranger to be very hard and harsh with dog owners. I was putting my bin out, my dog was standing beside the gate waiting for me to return. The Ranger drove past and gave me a warning!</p>

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		<p>My friends and I all have unpleasant tales about the Ranger. We're just trying to be good pet owners and exercise the dogs...and ourselves..</p> <p>Having a pleasant area to do this is terrific.</p> <p>Thank you again for considering a nice dog exercise area.</p>
7 March 2018	Keith Whitfield	I support the area of Candice Bateman park as a dog training area because there are no parks on the east side of the river, and I am sure the Shire would prefer dogs to be trained.
2 April 2018	Cathy and John Clarke	<p>We live near the proposed dog exercise area at Monger Reserve. Whilst we have no objection to the area being used for this purpose, for the safety of the dogs and those living/walking nearby, we would ask that the area is properly fenced so that animals are enclosed and less likely to stray into people's backyards or the onto the road. The area is in close proximity to the highway and I have seen out of control animals racing up Thorn St towards the highway in pursuit of rabbits they have disturbed in the Reserve. The proximity of the Coffee Carriage business and the safety of potential customers also needs to be taken into consideration.</p> <p>Vehicle access/speed needs to be controlled and suitable parking areas provided. Motorbikes need to be kept out of the Reserve for safety and environmental protection reasons. It has been occasionally been used as an illegal off-road area by bikers.</p>
29 March 2018	Tanya Richardson	<p>I am writing in support of the Shire of York's proposal to initiate a dog exercise area at the Candice Bateman Park area. I am in support of an exercise area occupying lots 161-167 however do not support the exercise area being in lots 168 and 169.</p> <p>I believe it's important to retain this for the enjoyment of children only and ensure there is no conflict between dogs and other family park activities. Dogs and their owners can be separate from other people who don't want to interact with dogs.</p> <p>Australia has one of the highest rates of dog ownership in the world with 36% of households owning a dog. Back yards have become smaller and with leash laws enforced in many areas, it has become more difficult to exercise dogs safely off the leash while still keeping them under effective control.</p>

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		<p>Dogs that are well socialised and exercised are likely to be healthier, happier and less aggressive. Designated off-leash dog areas provide a safe community setting where dogs can play with each other.</p> <p>Parks also benefit dog-owners. Community members have social contact while their dogs are playing, are more likely to form relationships, participate in conversation and exchange community information such as events, doctors, and veterinarians and get more exercise themselves.</p> <p>This dog exercise area will provide elderly and dog owners with disabilities with an accessible and safe place to exercise their companions.</p> <p>The exercise area could also provide an environment where advice is exchanged on dog management and where responsible dog ownership is encouraged and may provide a focal point for community education and training programs.</p>
4 April 2018	Colin Lee	<p>I do not agree that Candice Bateman Park should a dog off leash area. As the owner of 2 dogs myself this park is not suitable for dogs off leash.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) This is at present a family friendly park with BBQ and table shelters. (b) It has a very good children's playground area, I presumed supplied by the Shire. (c) Children and others would be at risk of a dog attack from an uncontrolled dog. Not necessarily a dangerous dog. (d) Also the nuisance off a dog bothering people using the BBQ's with cooking and eating of meat. (e) Not all owners have complete control over his dog off the leash, as dogs are normally friendly and some people can be afraid of a dog if it does approach, especially young children. (f) Their is no fencing at all on this park to stop an incident with a dog that may venture on to a road, 3 sides of the park. <p>As a new ratepayer to the Shire of York I object to this park being used for dogs off leash. I have purchased a block of land at 112 Newcastle Street only 1 block from this park.</p>

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29 March 2018	Eric & Aggie Pennington	<p>we quite often use the existing dog exercise area and don't have any issues with it . It is a large open area with a fence to separate the dogs from the main road traffic.</p> <p>Having said that , we feel that the area at Monger Reserve would be fine.</p> <p>Candice Bateman Park however is probably not such a good idea as it is already home to a childrens playground and a barbecue area.</p> <p>I know that some people take their dogs to this park and do not pick up after them, which also happens occasionally in the designated area.</p> <p>For the above reason though we think it would be better in the interests of health and safety to reconsider the use of Candice Bateman Park as a dog run.</p>
4 April 2018	Leo Pendergrast	<p>I wish to register my support for the proposed new dog exercise areas at Candice Bateman Park and Monger Reserve.</p> <p>General Comments:-</p> <p>The areas need to be grassed.</p> <p>The areas need to be fenced and gated to prevent dogs running onto the roads while they are off leash. Even a well trained dog may take fright and run away or decide to chase a cat or rabbit etc.</p> <p>Monger Reserve:-</p> <p>This area floods and at other times after rain the ground becomes muddy/boggy.</p> <p>Thank you for giving the public an opportunity to comment on this proposal.</p>
Submissions received after closing date		
5 April 2018	Betty Draper	<p>I am a resident in York Estates and would like to comment on the proposed Dog Exercise area to be used at Candice Bateman Park.</p> <p>I heard this on 8.64 radio the other morning.</p>

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		<p>Candice Bateman Park is for families to enjoy BBQ's and the children's playground. The park is a memorial to Candice who was tragically killed whilst being a student at YDHS. It is in honour of her. The Bateman family are a well respected aboriginal family in York. The decision to have the park as a dog exercise area is very disrespectful to the family!</p> <p>I have 8 grandchildren and quite often take them to the park. Dogs and children do not MIX!!!</p> <p>On a number of occasions I have seen dogs in/at Avon Park with their owners walking along the banks of the river – and dogs not on leads!! I have spoken many times to owners when I have the grandchildren down there playing always fearing of dog attacks. People do not always have a poo bag either!</p> <p>Please – there must be other areas in York for dog exercise. Maybe around Yorkies Carriage area, race course, Mt Brown – the list goes on. Why move it from Forrest Oval?</p> <p>Please leave Candice Bateman Park as it is – playground for children and a family BBQ area for all to enjoy. Show some respect to the Bateman Family.</p>
5 April 2018	Michelle Bateman	<p>I am writing to disagree with both nominated areas for dog exercise.</p> <p>Did the Shire Council who endorsed the named area's and did they consult with the elders and the culture of the Aboriginal people and the immediate member of Candice Bateman's family.</p> <p>Did the Shire discuss the planning of using Candice Bateman Park for the dogs. What is wrong with the allocated area at the corner of Forrest Oval or some other place that is not significant to family member on this close growing community.</p> <p>The Monger and Bateman family are both a big knowledge of significant recognition throughout the town.</p> <p>How would you feel if you nominated the town area of the ANZAC's where we pay respect to our diggers. It sure would be a sin for a dog to do his dirty business on that respected hallow turf.</p>

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		<p>The land scape of Candice Bateman Park is a place of peace and harmony and it reflects love and laughter, all the magical sounds coming from happy children playing at the park.</p> <p>Park and Gardens area a way that we can find sanctuary where reflection, tranquil environment can flourish in this community of York.</p> <p>The park of which is the highest bestowed honour that was given to Candice which has very special cultural meaning in our heart.</p> <p>Loosing Candice and having the community memorialise a park shows support and respect for the family.</p> <p>God only knows why these two places were chosen, please try to find in your heart to see if there is another place for the dogs.</p>
5 April 2018	Karlee Parnham	<p>I am writing to put across my concerns of turning Candice Bateman's Park into a dog park. I think it is totally disrespectful that the immediate family were not informed or consulted as to what the Shire of York had proposed.</p> <p>I think there would be better areas for a dog park, option 1 would be to do an upgrade of the Avon Walk Trail as it is a beautifully shaded area for people to walk their dogs, option 2 would be down by the river in between the two road bridges behind the old coffee carriage.</p> <p>The park was gifted to Carol & Paul Bateman as a memorial park for the loss of their daughter. It would be totally disrespectful and disheartening for the family and extended family members to see dogs using the park as their toilet.</p> <p>The park is always full of children on school afternoons and weekends.</p> <p>Keeping Candice Bateman Park as it is will give children and families a safe place to play and enjoy the amenities without dog excrement.</p>



Legend

-  Pedestrian Gate
-  Fire fighting/ Rural Gate
-  1.2 m High Cyclone Fencing
-  Proposed Area for walking improvements (Not costed)
-  Proposed Picnic bench setting (costed)



-  - signage/poo bags
-  Proposed Picnic bench setting (costed)