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To whom it may concern

Review of Council's Companion Animal Management Plan 2015-19

In response to community interest, Council is reviewing its Companion Animal Management Plan 2015-19, which details on and off-leash, timeshare and prohibited dog arrangements across Eurobodalla Shire. For the past few months, we've been working with a group of experts and community representatives on the review. Council is now seeking the wider community's feedback on proposed changes to Eurobodalla Shire dog exercise areas and we invite your organisation to have a say on what is proposed.

The changes aim to reduce confusing timeshare arrangements, where possible, and balance the needs of dog owners and other residents and visitors through a mix of off-leash and prohibited dog areas. To make it easy for residents to see what is proposed, maps have been developed for Council managed beaches, and some reserves, depicting the proposed dog exercise and prohibited dog areas. Council is proposing to also introduce a simple colour-coded traffic light system that has been adopted successfully by Wollongong and Shoalhaven City Councils to identify the different areas and the restrictions that apply.

In addition to the new maps, it is important that consideration be given to dog exercise areas on beaches and we welcome your views on this including environmentally responsible ways of managing dog faeces.

Development of Eurobodalla Flying-Fox Management Plan

We're also developing a shire-wide Flying Fox Management Plan. The plan will allow Council to meet its legal requirements in order to more readily respond and help residents who may be impacted by flying-foxes in the future, while conserving the threatened species and their local habitats. While we don't expect a repeat of the numbers experienced during the influx of flying-foxes to Batemans Bay in 2016 in the near future, it is possible new camps could establish throughout Eurobodalla Shire due to favourable habitat and food resources. In short, flying-foxes will continue to return in varying numbers from year to year and may roost in other areas in the Eurobodalla Shire which may impact on residents, and so we want to be prepared.

How to have a say

We would appreciate if your organisation could spread the word about these two projects via your networks to help us reach a large cross-section of the community. Everyone can have a say by participating in the following ways:

1. Complete an online survey on each of the projects available on our website – [Have Your Say](#)
2. Attending drop-in sessions throughout April 2018 where people can view the dog exercise area maps and provide their feedback, as well as talk to our Flying-Fox Officer. (Please see overleaf for drop-in session locations, dates and times).
3. Complete our online feedback form or write us a letter or email detailing your thoughts.

Council will use the community's feedback to inform the preparation of both draft plans before they are presented to councillors and publicly exhibited for final comment later this year.

For more information about both projects and the survey, visit our website at www.esc.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay for 'Companion Animal Management Plan Review' or 'Flying-Fox Management Plan'.

We thank you for your time and for your assistance. Please do not hesitate to phone or email me if you have any questions or concerns on 02 4474 1310 or deb.lenson@esc.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Deb Lenson
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Drop-in Sessions

Where	When
Apex Park, Narooma	Friday 6 April 2018, 8am-10am
Dalmeny Meet the Makers Markets	Sunday 8 April 2018, 8am-1pm
Village Centre Batemans Bay	Tuesday 10 April 2018, 10am-2pm
The Mossy Café, Mossy Point	Friday 13 April 2018, 9am-11.30am
Evans Park, Tuross Head	Friday 13 April 2018, 12.30pm-2.30pm
Art on the Path, Broulee	Sunday 15 April 2018, 7.30am-12.30pm
SAGE Farmer's Market, Moruya	Tuesday 17 April 2018, 2.30pm-4.30pm
Corrigans Reserve, Batehaven	Tuesday 17 April 2018, 10am-12pm
Benny's Nelligen Store, Nelligen	Wed 18 April 2018, 9pm-11am
Maloney's Beach Café, Maloneys Beach	Wed 18 April 2018, 12pm-2pm
NATA Oval, Narooma	Saturday 21 April 2018, 2pm-4pm
Moruya Country Markets	Saturday 28 April 2018, 7am-1pm