



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA 2021/CM14 Monday 23 August 2021

In accordance with the Minister's Good Practice Guidelines, from 1 May 2020 until 26 April 2022, Councils can conduct virtual meetings which must be streamed live through its website. Frankston City will continue to stream its Council Meetings.

To best manage the current COVID-19 impacts, this meeting will be closed to public attendance.



Verbal Submissions

If you have registered or intend to register to speak to an item on the Council Meeting Agenda, speakers now only have the option of making a verbal submission via telephone. Officers will make contact and the speaker will be greeted by the Chair who will invite the speaker to make their verbal submission.

There are no changes to the limit on speakers i.e. the limit is still a maximum of 10 speakers and it will be at the discretion of the Chair, if further speakers are permitted. Speakers still have 3 minutes to address Council, with the exception of S223 submitters who will receive 5 minutes.

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THE COUNCIL MEETING

Welcome to this Meeting of the Frankston City Council

The Council appreciates residents, ratepayers and other visitors taking their places in the Public Gallery, as attendance demonstrates an interest in your Council and community affairs. Community spirit is encouraged.

This information sheet is designed to help you to understand the procedures of Council and help you to gain maximum value from your attendance.

The law regarding the conduct of Council meetings enables the public to observe the session. However, to ensure the manageability of Council meetings, opportunities for public participation are limited to Question Time and registered submissions in accordance with Council's guidelines, which are available from Council's Councillors Office (call 9768 1632) and on our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au. It is not possible for any visitor to participate in any Council debate unless specifically requested by the Chairperson to do so.

If you would like to have contact with Councillors or Officers, arrangements can be made for you to do so separately to the meeting. Call the Councillors Office on 9768 1632 and ask for the person you would like to meet with, to arrange a time of mutual convenience.

When are they held?

Generally speaking, the Council meets formally every three (3) weeks on a Monday and meetings start at 7.00 pm, unless advertised otherwise. **This Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Frankston Civic Centre, 30 Davey Street**. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, this meeting is closed to public attendance. Livestream footage can be viewed via our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

Council meeting dates are posted in the Davey Street and Young Street entrances to the Civic Centre (upper level) and also on our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

Frankston City Council Governance Rules (adopted 31 August 2020)

25. Chair's Duty

Any motion which is determined by the *Chair* to be:

- 25.1 *defamatory of or embarrassing to any Councillor, member of Council staff or other person;*
- 25.2 *abusive or objectionable in language or nature;*
- 25.3 *a direct negative of the question before the Chair;*
- 25.4 *vague or unclear in intention;*
- 25.5 *outside the powers of Council; or*
- 25.6 *irrelevant to the item of business on the agenda and has not been admitted as*

79. Chair May Remove

- 79.1 *The Chair may order and cause the removal of any person, including a Councillor, who disrupts any meeting or fails to comply with a direction given under sub-Rule 78.2, or cause the removal of any object or material that is deemed by the Chair as being objectionable or disrespectful.*
- 79.2 *Any person removed from the meeting under sub-Rule 79.1 must not return to the meeting without the approval of the Chair or Council.*

It is intended that this power be exercisable by the Chair, without the need for any Council resolution. The Chair may choose to order the removal of a person whose actions immediately threaten the stability of the meeting or wrongly threatens his or her authority in chairing the meeting.

The Penalty for an offence under this clause is 2 penalty units which is \$200

Live Streaming of Council Meetings

Frankston City Council is now Live Streaming its Council Meetings.

During the COVID-19 crisis, Council is strongly encouraging residents to view the meetings via the live streaming.

Live Streaming allows you to watch and listen to the meeting in real time, giving you greater access to Council decision making and debate and improving openness and transparency.

There are three (3) fixed cameras in the Council Chambers and it is intended that the cameras will only provide vision of the Councillors who are present at the meeting.

Every care will be taken to maintain privacy and as far as practically possible, it is not intended that there be either live or recorded footage of the public or Media personnel, however, there might be incidental capture; for example footage of a person exiting the building depending on which camera is being used at the time, or audio recording of a person who interjects the meeting. Council officers who address Council will be heard on the live audio stream, and audio of them speaking will be recorded.

Archives of meetings will be published on Council's website generally within three (3) business days after the meeting date for the public's future reference. Council will make every reasonable effort to ensure that a live stream and recording is available. However technical difficulties may arise in relation to live streaming or access to Council's website.

Appropriate signage will be placed at the entrance to the meeting location notifying all attendees that the meeting will be streamed live and recorded.

It is not intended that public speakers will be visible in a live stream of a meeting. Cameras are to be positioned so that these members of the public are not visible. If you do not wish to be recorded you will need to contact the Councillors Office on telephone (03) 9768 1632 or via email councillors.office@frankston.vic.gov.au to discuss alternative options prior to the meeting.

The Formal Meeting Agenda

The Council meeting agenda is available for public inspection immediately after it is prepared, which is normally on the Thursday afternoon four (4) clear days before the meeting. It is available from the Reception desk at the Civic Centre (upper level), on our website www.frankston.vic.gov.au or a copy is also available for you in the chamber before the meeting.

The following information is a summary of the agenda and what each section means:-

- **Items Brought Forward**

These are items for discussion that have been requested to be brought forward by a person, or a group of people, who have a particular item on the Agenda and who are present in the Public Gallery.

- **Presentation of Written Questions from the Gallery**

Question Time forms are available from the Civic Centre and our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

“Questions with Notice” are to be submitted before 12 noon on the Friday before the relevant Ordinary Meeting either in person at the Frankston Civic Centre, online using the Question Time web form or via email to questions@frankston.vic.gov.au.

“Questions without Notice” are to be submitted between 12 noon on the Friday before the relevant Ordinary Meeting up until 4pm on the day of the relevant Ordinary Meeting either in person via the designated Question Time box located at the Frankston Civic Centre front reception or the after-hours mail box or via email to questions@frankston.vic.gov.au.

A maximum of 3 questions may be submitted by any one person at one meeting. There is no opportunity to enter into debate from the Gallery.

More detailed information about the procedures for Question Time is available from Council's Councillors Office (call 9768 1632) and on our website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

- **Presentation of Petitions and Joint Letters**

These are formal requests to the Council, signed by a number of people and drawing attention to matters of concern to the petitioners and seeking remedial action from the Council. Petitions received by Councillors and presented to a Council meeting are usually noted at the meeting, then a report is prepared for consideration at the next available meeting.

- **Presentation of Reports**

Matters requiring a Council decision are dealt with through officer reports brought before the Council for consideration. When dealing with each item, as with all formal meeting procedures, one Councillor will propose a motion and another Councillor will second the motion before a vote is taken. If the members of the public wish to clarify any of the items on the Agenda, please contact the relevant manager by phoning 1300 322 322.

- **Presentation of Delegate Reports**

A Councillor or member of Council staff who is a delegate may present to Council on the deliberations of the external body, association, group or working party in respect of which he or she is a delegate or an attendee at a Council approved conference / seminar.

- **Urgent Business**

These are matters that Councillors believe require attention and action by Council. Before an item can be discussed, there must be a decision, supported by the majority of Councillors present, for the matter to be admitted as “Urgent Business”.

- **Closed Meetings**

Because of the sensitive nature of some matters, such as personnel issues, contractual matters or possible legal action, these matters are dealt with confidentially at the end of the meeting.

Opportunity to address Council

Any person who wishes to address Council must pre-register their intention to speak before 4.00pm on the day of the meeting, by telephoning Council's Councillors Office (call 9768 1632) or by submitting the online web form or by using the application form both available on the website, www.frankston.vic.gov.au.

The submissions process is conducted in accordance with guidelines which are available from Council's Councillors Office and on our website. All submissions will be limited to 3 minutes in duration, except for Section 223 submitters, who have a maximum of 5 minutes. No more than ten (10) members of the public are to be permitted to address the Council. Further speakers will be permitted to address the meeting at the discretion of the Chair. All speakers need to advise if they are speaking on behalf of an organisation and it is deemed that they have been appropriately authorised by that said organisation.

Public submissions and any subsequent discussion will be recorded as part of the meeting, and audio recordings of Council meetings will be made available to members of the public. If a submitter does not wish to be recorded, they must advise the Chair at the commencement of their public submission.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

If a Councillor considers that they have, or might reasonably be perceived to have, a direct or indirect interest in a matter before the Council or a special committee of Council, they will declare their interest and clearly state its nature before the matter is considered. This will be done on every occasion that the matter is considered by the Council or special committee.

If a Councillor has an interest in a matter they will comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act, which may require that they do not move or second the motion and that they leave the room in which the meeting is being held during any vote on the matter and not vote on the matter.

If a Councillor does not intend to be at the meeting, he or she will disclose the nature of the interest to the Chief Executive Officer, Mayor or Chairperson prior to the meeting commencing.

MAYOR



NOTICE PAPER

ALL COUNCILLORS

NOTICE is hereby given that a Council Meeting of the Council will be held at the Civic Centre, Davey Street, Frankston, on 23 August 2021 at 6.30pm - Hearing of Submitters.

COUNCILLOR STATEMENT

All members of this Council pledge to the City of Frankston community to consider every item listed on this evening's agenda:

- *Based on the individual merits of each item;*
- *Without bias or prejudice by maintaining an open mind; and*
- *Disregarding Councillors' personal interests so as to avoid any conflict with our public duty.*

Any Councillor having a conflict of interest in an item will make proper, prior disclosure to the meeting and will not participate in the debate or vote on the issue.

OPENING WITH PRAYER

Almighty God, we ask for your blessing upon this Council. Direct and prosper its deliberations to the advancement of your glory and the true welfare of the people of Frankston City. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

We respectfully acknowledge that we are situated on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung and Bunurong in this special place now known by its European name, Frankston. We recognise the contribution of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to our community in the past, present and into the future.

BUSINESS**1. PRESENTATION TO COMMUNITY GROUPS**

Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council Meeting No. CM13 held on 9 August 2021.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Nil

6. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS**7. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD****8. PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS****9. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS**

Nil

10. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Nil

11. CONSIDERATION OF TOWN PLANNING REPORTS

Nil

12. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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13. RESPONSE TO NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

15. REPORTS NOT YET SUBMITTED

Nil

16. URGENT BUSINESS**17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

23/08/2021



Executive Summary**12.1 Hearing of Submitters - Animal Management Orders**

Enquiries: (Tammy Beauchamp: Communities)

Council Plan

Community Outcome:	2. Liveable City
Strategy:	2.2 Vibrant and Engaged
Priority Action	2.2.3 Engage and support Frankston City's local areas and diverse communities to optimise facility usage and enhance equitable access to services

Purpose

To provide Council with public submissions relating to the proposed changes to existing animal management council orders, prior to reporting on the outcomes at the Council Meeting of 20 September 2021.

Recommendation (Director Communities)

That Council:

1. Notes the consultation and engagement for the proposed animal council orders has been undertaken in accordance with the Domestic Animal Management Act 1994;
2. Hears and considers the public submissions relating to the proposed animal council orders;
3. Notes 285 written submissions were received and no late submissions were received after the closing date for submissions; and
4. Notes a report is expected to be presented to the 20 September 2021 Council meeting, providing a detailed assessment of submissions and officer recommendation.

Key Points / Issues

- At its Council Meeting of 19 July 2021, Council resolved to:
 1. *Authorises the commencement of the formal process to consider amending the existing Council Orders under the Domestic Animals Act 1994, with a view to:*
 - *Implementing a 24/7 Cat Curfew;*
 - *Implementing a designated free roam area on the foreshore; and*
 - *Revoking the existing Council Order that prohibits dogs on lead in the Frankston Central Activities Area (CAA);*
 2. *Endorses the proposed changes to the Council Orders to be publicly exhibited for a period of 4 weeks from Tuesday 20 July to Tuesday 17 August 2021; and*
 3. *Notes that any submissions will be heard by Council and a final report will be presented at the September Council Meeting to enable Council to formally consider whether to proceed with amending the existing Council Orders under the Domestic Animals Act 1994.*
- Officers consulted with the community between 3 May 2021 and 30 May 2021 through an on line survey. A total number of 764 responses were received

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including 250 which were received in person at the community consultation “pop ups”

- The survey included the following four questions:
 - Do you own a cat or dog?
 - Should cats be confined to their owner’s property at all times?
 - Should dogs be allowed off leash on the beach?
 - Should dogs be allowed in the Central Activities District of Frankston?
- Invitation for further formal submissions were offered via councils ‘Have your say’ webpage and was promoted via social media and information on Council’s website from Tuesday 20 July to 17 August 2021.
- At the time of writing a total of 285 individual submissions have been received, 21 of these wished to support their submission in person.
- 285 submissions were received after the closing of the consultation period of 17 August 2021. 21 of these submitters have been contacted and were invited to provide a verbal submission in support of their written submission.
- A message was included on Council’s website to advise potential submitters that, unless specifically requested, copies of submissions, including the submitters’ names and addresses, may be made publicly available for viewing. All submitters have been advised via email that copies of their submissions will be included in the public Council Meeting agenda, which will be published on Council’s website, and that personal contact details such as names, mobile numbers and email addresses will be redacted.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Consultation**1. External Stakeholders**

At its Council Meeting on 19 July 2021, Council resolved to undertake further inclusive consultation and request formal submissions in relation to the proposed animal management council orders. A hearing of submitters meeting has been scheduled for 23 August 2021 for Council to consider submissions and hear from any community members that wish to be heard in support of their written submission. **Attachment A** provides all written submissions made by the community.

Analysis (Environmental / Economic / Social Implications)

It is anticipated making changes to the Domestic Animal Management Plan will support improvement of the wellbeing and health of the community.

The Domestic Animal Management Plan sets the strategic direction for animal management within Frankston City over the next four years to enable the safety, amenity and health and wellbeing of the community.

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All matters relevant to the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities have been considered in the preparation of this report and are consistent with the standards set by the Charter.

Legal

A Domestic Animal Management Plan prepared by a Council must:

- a) *Set out a method for evaluating whether the animal control services provided by the Council in its municipal district are adequate to give effect to the requirements of this Act and the regulations; and*
- b) *Outline programs for the training of authorised officers to ensure they can properly administer and enforce the requirements of this Act in the Council's municipal district; and*
- c) *Outline programs, services and strategies which the Council intends to pursue in its municipal district—*
 - (i) *To promote and encourage the responsible ownership of dogs and cats; and*
 - (ii) *To ensure people comply with this Act, the regulations and any related legislation; and*
 - (iii) *To minimise the risk of attacks by dogs on people and animals; and*
 - (iv) *To address any over-population and high euthanasia rates for dogs and cats; and*
 - (v) *To encourage the registration and identification of dogs and cats; and*
 - (vi) *To minimise the potential for dogs and cats to create a nuisance; and*
 - (vii) *To effectively identify all dangerous dogs, menacing dogs and restricted breed dogs in that district and to ensure those dogs are kept in compliance with this Act and the regulations; and*
- d) *Provide for the review of existing orders made under this Act and local laws that relate to the Council's municipal district with a view to determining whether further orders or local laws dealing with the management of dogs and cats in the municipal district are desirable; and*
- e) *Provide for the review of any other matters related to the management of dogs and cats in the Council's municipal district that it thinks necessary; and*
- f) *Provide for the periodic evaluation of any program, service, strategy or review outlined under the plan.*

Policy Impacts

A key recommendation highlighted in the Domestic Animal Management Plan in 2020 is to develop a Dogs in Public Places Policy. The proposed policy will aim to provide guidelines about access to and management of dogs in public places in Frankston City. The policy will focus on planning and providing for people with dogs, as legitimate users of public places in Frankston, while minimising the conflict with other users.

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Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no Conflict of Interest in this matter.

Risk Mitigation

Protection of heritage properties will mitigate against unsympathetic alterations and additions or demolition.

Conclusion

Consultation and engagement of the proposed changes to the existing animal management council orders has been undertaken in accordance with Council's resolution on 29 March 2021 and further request for formal submission on 19 July 2021.

A total of 285 individual submissions were received at the conclusion of the four week consultation period.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: [↓](#) Public Submissions - Animal Orders

First Name	Last Name	Submission	Would Like to Submit in Person
		Cats curfew - absolutely yes! I see cats roaming outside of my house all the time and it is such a shame because we live close to reserve and get all the beautiful and rare native birds in our backyard. Unfortunately, I have seen dead birds in our backyard that have been attacked by cats Restrictions lifted for dogs on the beach - I am against this. Dogs in Frankston CCA - I support this initiative. However, I believe more rubbish bins must be provided should this come into effect as well as there should be a some kind of monitoring system (solution) in place for offenders that don't pick up after their dogs.	No
		Thank you for the chance to give feedback. I oppose the proposed changes regarding a cat curfew. I understand the impact cats have on the environment however I believe most owners are responsible abs manage this through use of bells and keeping cats in at night. A sudden change in policy resulting in cats previously allowed out to become indoor cats it's very hard to keep them just in one yard) has extremely bad outcomes on the cats, as experienced in Mornington council areas. Owners are faced with very unhappy cats there who are just not used to staying inside, and indeed not made to do so. If you would like to bring in this policy, can I suggest it us grandfathered in its implementation to minimise the great impact to existing cats and cat owners of Frankston. I note also the bias to dog owners in the proposed changes, with dogs getting more freedom whilst cats are extremely curtailed, despite the fact that dogs would have far greater impact on the residents of Frankston than cats. I would be extremely disappointed if we were to have a 24 hour cat curfew.	No
		The proposed changes are excellent and I support them. I do wonder who will be enforcing the leashed rule and picking up poop for dogs in the CAT area.	No
		I believe cats should still be allowed outside from sunrise to sunset! My rescue cat was and is an outdoors boy and he's in by 530 each night for dinner then that's it until 7am! I think dogs are great in Frankston CBD we have lovely cafes and it's great to see people engaging with them especially now with all these lockups going on we need the interaction and love of our animals brings love and connectedness to the community!	No
		To change the cat curfew would cause incredible stress for cats that are currently allowed to roam. This would be cruel & unfair to all the cat owners & pets that chose this area with the curfew only at night.	No
		Hi there Re: Your cat restrictions I understand why this is a need. However due to covid many people have lost employment. Even several hundred dollars to build a cat enclosure will be out of many citizens reach for a while. Our cat is a rescue and cannot be inside 24/7. Can I make the suggestion that all new cats and kittens have to comply with the new curfew? However if you have an existing cat you can apply for an exemption for the cats life- if over 5 yrs. old, if you have a mitigating reason? Many cats will be surrendered and destroyed no doubt if there isn't flexibility on this due to covid and age of cat. Our cat also cannot be held so we would need to get a glazier to install a cat door to the cat run. This will be close to \$1000 after this and we won't get another cat after this one. We found her on our roof and the vet said she would be destroyed if we didn't adopt her so we applied and took her. She isn't social with the family and now will need to spend her life in a cage and laundry at night. Our cat is housed indoors at night as per rules but to confine her like this we would need to think about her quality of life as many cat owners will. Thank you.	No
		As a responsible pet owner I keep my cat indoors, wildlife isn't the reason as my cat wouldn't know what a bird was and is scared of an ant. I keep it inside for its own health and safety. I'm saying this, I believe that if an owner is made to confine their animal to a specific area, the registration for that animal is reduced and there are incentives or financial assistance for the making of cat runs, purchasing of toys etc. cat owners are entitled to a return on their fees, right? Also it is evident that there are some pretty irresponsible dog owners, from the faeces to all over roads, footpaths, private property (dogs being allowed to shit on others front lawns), constant barking, aggression, a prosecutor who picks, chooses what is important and what is not and a local laws department that is clearly understaffed and difficult to access the list goes on. So what is the council going to do about this? How is the council going to make dog owners accountable and the neighbourhood clean and safe for all residents to enjoy?	No
		I strongly support this proposed amendments to the. Animal management orders. Cats roaming around outside of the owner's property should absolutely be banned and it required for them to be indoors at all hours. I have experienced 3 dead ducklings, 6 dead baby chickens, and cat faeces throughout my yard, I have found twice in spring dead native noisy myna bird chicks. I have had nothing but trouble with cats in my area and there are about 8 at least that wander my street. These amendments would contribute to saving out native wildlife.	Yes
		Don't change the curfew on cats I don't know if you have ever seen what cats do when they go from being allowed outside to then being locked up 24 hours a day 7 days a week I can Tell you right now that you will get a lot of runaway cats and a dramatic increase in feral cats in the Frankston area Don't changed the curfew on cats keep it the same I don't know	No
		Looking forward to off leash section of our beach. Thanks for considering this. also be lovely to sit in CBD having coffee with the pup	No
		If cats are confined 24/7, I along with every other cat owner, will not be paying registration for them. What do I get for my fees anyway?!	No
		Cats should be able to be outside in daylight hours. It is in humane to have them locked up 24/7. Cats need sunshine and to be able to climb trees. Making it mandatory will Mean more cats will be dumped and not looked after. I have one cat that will not cope with the changes she is 5 years old and do you expect me to have her out to sleep. Not happy!!	No
		I don't agree with a 24 hour cat curfew. It will be expensive to enforce and there isn't an issue with cats in our area. Additionally, dog owners pay registration and get leash free parks and facilities provided to them. If there's a 24 hour curfew for cats, what's the benefit of paying registration? There's no facilities being built for cats. I doubt council would provide money to help people build cat enclosures. If there's a curfew I'd fully expect registration charges to be waived.	No
		To whom it may concern, I am writing to you in support of proposed 24 hour cat curfew laws. I imagine that you will receive some degree of opposition to this revision, however I feel that it's important to weigh in given my personal experience. I am an animal science graduate, I have worked extensively across animal shelters, specifically with cats for 6	No

		years. I wholly support this proposal not just for the vibrant local wildlife of Frankston City Council, but also for the welfare of cats in general. Here are some things to consider: Whether it's liked or not, letting cats free roam is considered quite taboo in Australia. Previous estimations have put feral cat numbers upwards of 20 million, and this all starts with domestic cats. Chances are that if a cat is leaving the owners property, someone is pissed off about it, and this can lead to acts of cruelty. Outdoor cats have a dramatically higher risk of illness, getting hit by a car, getting poisoned, being shot at or shot with a gun/air rifle/bow and arrow, mauled by a dog, mauled by another cat, tortured by a human, stolen by someone. I have seen cats with their legs taped together, I have seen cats with their tails mutilated, with wire wrapped around their legs. The disgusting things I have seen during my time at shelters is enough to put me off ever letting my own cat's free-roam. Cats kill wildlife. If someone thinks their cat doesn't kill, or conveniently only kills introduced species, they are not being realistic. And even if theirs is the magical cat that doesn't kill anything, it needs to be accepted that that is largely not the case for all cats. Cats can live a happy healthy life indoors or confined to the owner's property, provided efforts are made to provide adequate enrichment. Just as a follow on to this last point, however, I think that more support needs to be offered to help community members adjust to this new way of pet ownership. In order to drive down the number of stray cats, it's also imperative to offer low cost or free desexing. Banyule council does this yearly and there has been a marked decrease in the number of cats coming in to their contracted shelter (The Cat Protection Society). There seems to be a degree of confusion about what "24 hour curfew" actually means. Some people seem to think it means indoors only, and many also seem ignorant to methods they can use to confine cats to their property and there is a concern for the cost involved. Please don't hesitate to contact me via email if you have any questions or queries for me. I am not requesting to be present, but I would hope that my submission be considered.	
		Finally great to get an area of beach but I would have thought Frankston foreshore was large enough to have 2 areas, or are we in Seaford being ignored again as we are for most things. Also get real and change the dog not on beach until after 7.30 time during summer. If they are on lead what does it matter if they are down there after 6 very few other people are.	No
		We moved here (Langwarrin) 3 years ago from the city when we fell in love with the garden and bush block setting with the conservation reserve located directly behind our house - accessible by our gate. I have worked tirelessly to slowly replace weeds and non-native and indigenous plants and create a safe space for wildlife to be. Our neighbours have a cat that day and night enters our front and backyard garden, stalks and kills birds/lizards/possums. It also enters the conservation bush block behind us several Times a day to kill wildlife. I have communicated this to my neighbour whose cat it is - trying to remain on good terms but they blatantly refuse to take action besides call the cat inside sometimes but once in a blue moon. Having this new rule will really help my argument- they can easily build a cat enclosure - the husband is a builder. This is the best news I have heard in a long time / thank you	No
		I support the proposed change to the cat curfew law to require cat owners to confine their cats on their premises 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I do not support the proposed change to the Roam free area on foreshore law, existing law should remain. I do not support proposed change to the Dogs in Frankston CAA. Dogs should remain prohibited from the CAA area of Frankston (City Centre). Existing law should remain. Thank you for taking the time to consult	No
		Dog beach excellent idea. I use Carrum beach and we see the same group of families and dogs all the time. Everyone is responsible and picks up after their dog. Cats to be restricted to owner's property 24/7 is not feasible. I keep my cat indoors from dusk until well after dawn. He was a rescue cat. I tried to keep him indoors, he urinated all over the house and hung from curtains. I bought a very expensive car enclosure for the garden. He urinated, wailed and cried, licked his fur off and hung from the roof. I let him out a little at a time. He goes out a couple of times a day for a wander, the neighbours love him, he is friends with other neighbours cats, he no longer cries, licks his fur, urinates on furniture or bites. It was either let him go out freely during the day or we would have to give him back to rescue and break my daughter's heart. If owners are responsible, register their cat and keep the dusk dawn rule it's not an issue. How many cats are going to be truly tortured by this rule change? If a cat has been used to going out freely, you can't then stop that, it's cruel. If you enforce this, the number of cats given to rescue or being euthanised will rise because of the stress of being contained. My cat had been out since he was born in a barn, do you then euthanise everything stray and kitten? If owners are responsible it isn't an issue. Target those who don't register animals, don't vaccinate and don't desex. Don't punish the animal.	No
		Our cat is kept inside at night, is registered and has a bell. It would be cruel to confine him in 24 hours a day when he's used to our property to roam. New cats from a certain date would be fine.	No
		I agree with the proposed changes. I have two dogs who adore the beach, especially my 14 year old Golden Retriever, who becomes a pup again when swimming. We appreciate the many dog poo stations with access to bags at both popular beach and park locations. Access to the beach at more locations and increased times will be wonderful. During lockdowns, dog parks and being able to take the dogs to the beach kept me going on even the toughest days. With a background in Natural Resource Management I can't tell you how happy I am with the 24/7 cat curfew. Such a win for wildlife in particular.	No
		I fully support the changes to dog laws by allowing dogs into the CBD and would love to have a local dog roam free area on the beach. I currently have to go to Mt Eliza for this. Will be amazing to stay within my own city with my pooches. Great changes council :)	No
		I do not agree that cats should be locked up 24hours a day - I object to the new proposal.	No
		I am absolutely delighted to hear that dogs will finally be allowed to enjoy a section of Frankston beach off lead! Thank you, thank you, and thank you. As a resident here for the past 10 years, and the owner of an extremely placid, well behaved and water-loving dog, it has been a constant thorn in my side to have to drive out of my own shire to get to a free roam beach for him. Our dog is a beloved family member, and it has broken our hearts to have to leave him at home alone on hot summers' days so that we could enjoy our own beach with the kids, or an irritation to choose to make a longer journey to a less nice beach so that he could come along too. I am so excited that finally, we will all be able to enjoy our own beach together! The lack of any dog friendly area has felt like a reflection of a lack of trust in Frankston residents, as though we are all irresponsible delinquents who are unworthy of nice things, as we will only mess them up. It took us by surprise after we bought our first house down here to raise our family - visions of playing with our family pets on the beach at the forefront of our sea-change fantasies. It made us question our choice, and whether this would be the great area to live in that we had believed it to be. This decision feels like a vote of confidence in Frankston and the people who choose to live here, for all the good things that it has to offer, and as a city on the up and up.	No

		I look forward to hearing the dates for this to come into effect, and the area of beach which has been assigned. (My own thoughts were perhaps the stretch at Long Island north of the tennis club, heading toward Seaford, so as to be away from the most popular area around the pier and out of people's picnics, if it is still under discussion!) Hoping it isn't too far off in the future! Once again I thank you all. I believe you are truly making a valuable improvement to Frankston.	
		I am submitting my written objection to the proposed changes to the cat curfew. For cats, such as ours, that are use used to going outside during the permitted periods, the sudden and significant change would be very challenging. If a change such as this is required then it would be preferred that it be phased in over a period of years to allow current outdoor cats to retrain. I am also concerned that for current pet owners who do not wish to have indoor cats that there will be an increase in the number of pets being surrendered or going feral. Cat runs are a significant expense so many cat owners would need time to save and install such a solution.	No
		I agree with the amendment to the Cat Curfew. Please do not publish my submission and keep it confidential	No
		If the proposal for a 24 hour cat curfew is approved will a sufficient amount of time be given for cat owners to either purchase or make enclosures to contain their pets? E.g. 6-12 months to either have purchased and installed or constructed an enclosure. Will cat registration fees be abolished if this proposal is approved?	No
		I agree with 24 hour cat curfew. Cats wandering are a nuisance as well as destructive to native animals. I do not have a problem with leash free area for dogs I do not agree with dogs in the business area of Frankston	No
		The cat curfew sunset to sunrise is enough, thank you. I do not have the funds to build an enclosure. I oppose the implementation of a 24-hour cat curfew.	No
		It seems that permissions for dogs are being loosened while those for cats are being tightened. Is there a reason for the unequal treatment? Confining cats indoors between sunrise and sunset is achievable for most cat owners yet confining them indoors 24/7 seems cruel, especially for cats that may have lived the majority of their lives as an indoor/outdoor cat. Cat runs are prohibitively expensive. I feel like the change is being suggested by non-cat owners when the views of cat owners should be paramount. Domestic cats kill less wildlife than humans in Frankston City Council which includes car accidents, baiting and land clearing. Cat owners already pay annual registration fees with no benefits, whereas dog owners get more dog parks. Better enforcement of current laws would be a better alternative than banning all cats from a local wander down a shared driveway during daylight hours.	No
		The decision based on 700 people within the Frankston councils singular survey is not a true representation of the wider and entire Frankston community sentiments. To ensure a fair accurate realistic transparent process and result, allow EVERY REGISTERED PET OWNER in the Frankston municipality the opportunity to have their voice and view recognised. The council needs to take into account the financial and mental stress this premature poor biased decision will have on its PET OWNERS. The amount of dog waste I continually see on footpaths & walkways will be nothing but worse. I have never seen any cat waste on a footpaths or walkways. What are the statistics, studies, facts and reports produced by council that allows these laws for consideration? What is council doing about the current stray cats out at night? What is council doing about the current feral minor birds? I could write many questions that begin with what is council. I hope that the Frankston council demonstrates prudence whilst acting in a fair for ALL decision making framework. Placing restrictions and impacting the rights of pet owners and their pets, in our community is not the answer. The more logical and civil approach can be achieved through community engagement and education. I pay my rates, I pay my pet registration fees and I'm entitled to be number 701. There are many more that I have spoken to that share this view.	Yes
		I am a huge fan of the proposal to introduce a free roam area for dogs at the foreshore! I am biased as the owner of a dog who absolutely loves the free roam beaches in Mt Eliza, Dromana etc, and he would love our local beach to have one. I think people let their dogs off the lead regardless so at least introducing a designated area for it is a great idea. Perhaps even the section between the pier and the Kananook creek entrance as it's somewhat separated. Also a big fan of the cat curfew. I always see and hear cats roaming during the night which upsets my dog! Cheers	No
		As an owner of two cats who is living through this pandemic like everyone else, I don't understand how the council could implement something like this. We keep our cats indoors at night as per the current rules, but I couldn't afford to get someone to install a cat run and it would be beyond cruel to keep our cats indoors all the time without one. Maybe you could introduce some kind of law to make any new cats purchased from day X are required to be kept indoors and chipped to track this. If they are caught roaming without microchips or breaching this rule, you could impose scaling fines on their owners. Or perhaps you could give some kind of financial aid or incentives to families struggling to keep afloat in a pandemic that could be used to install cat runs for existing cats or at least give people 2-4 years to budget for it before you implement it. To go from being allowed outside to a flat no in a short space of time seems very brutal to both owners and pets.	No
		Hello, I would like to comment on the proposed 24 hour cat curfew. We moved to Frankston from the inner city and our cat (previously indoor only) was able to live indoor and outdoor. With this change we noticed that our cat's quality of life improved greatly. She was much happier and it allowed us to go to work or away for the day knowing our cat could happily travel in and outdoors. We have always ensured to keep our cat inside from dusk till dawn and I completely agree with this policy. Luckily for us, our current cat doesn't leave our property. I certainly don't know how we would get so lucky with any future cats without building an enclosure. I would like to know how you propose to enforce the 24 cat curfew. Will you be actively seeking out and catching cats that are wandering down the street as you would a dog? Will you be reliant on neighbours to hire a cat trap and then collect the cat from there? Do your officers handle cats or is that against your OH&S policies? If the change to the cat curfew is approved what will the requirement for cat registration look like moving forward? If a cat never leaves their property it seems that registration fees are only geared toward benefitting dog owners, so are we still required to pay? I am happy to register my cat if it provides a benefit to us, but I can't see what that is with a 24 hour cat curfew. In fact it will cost residents money building enclosures that they otherwise didn't need unless they are considered a nuisance cat. I understand you are proposing a change that has been requested by residents. But please make sure that you have a clear policy outlining how you plan to enforce this request, and that it will in fact be enforced if supported. I would also like to hear how many cases of nuisance cats you currently receive and investigate within the municipality. I know in other councils these numbers are very low and do not warrant a 24 hour curfew. Thanks for your time.	No

		I agree with the cat curfew. Far too much wildlife is being killed. As far as the extra dog roam free foreshore and dogs in CBD I am very much opposed to the idea. There are far too many irresponsible dog owners that do not obey the current bylaws. I wouldn't want to be a cafe owner having dog poo walked into my premises. Bylaw officers do not currently enforce the rules as they currently exist. All they do at the most is give a warning with no fine. How about taking a good look and see what the percentage of dog owners actually abide by the rules. The percentage is not high enough.	No
		Please don't increase the cat curfew to 24 hours. I understand your reasoning but it is so incredibly difficult to keep a cat inside 24/7, especially for people with dogs who have the back door open or a dog door, or kids that leave the door open, if a cat sneaks out, we could end up with a massive fine or pound costs, for a genuine accident.	No
		I feel this is potentially very cruel putting this notion in place retrospectively and a lot of animal owners may have made different choices had they had all of this information earlier. I may have made a different choice buying in this area has this be known at the time of buying our property. Many thanks	No
		Absolutely ridiculous! How can you possibly lock up a cat that has spent their entire lifetime outside? I totally agree that cats should be locked up at night time, that's mainly their hunting period. During the day, they should be able to wonder within your backyard. I'm actually sick and tired of being at kids parks where dogs are roaming free (I don't trust them) and standing in dog shit. In fact my toddler has even picked up dog poo.	No
		Great ideas, however, I am very concerned about where the free roam dog beach will be. Please do not locate it near the tennis club between Seaford and Frankston, lots of families with kids go there all year round. But consider a bit further towards the Seaford pier, where no one sits.	No
		Agree with dog change submission. It's crazy to think in 2021, we aren't able to take our little pup to a cafe for brunch. Hopefully changes go through OK	No
		Please no dogs on the beach. If you walked on the boardwalk or through Ballam park or even along the footpaths, there are FAR too many who don't pick up after their dogs. And many who leave the bag with poo in it sitting around. That is going to happen on the beach and go into the water. It's great to have them in the CBD and will increase interest in CBD businesses for dog owners. Pollution at the beach is irresponsible for council to consider. If you've ever been to a busy dog beach and spend time sitting and observing, you will understand how horrific it is. Half the time poo just get covered by sand.	No
		I agree completely with the cat curfew and with the designated beach area, however I strongly advise against them being around the centre. Imagine groups of people with big dogs hanging at the entrance to the centre, they could be very intimidating and could cause stress in adult and children. And also what about allergies? If you were to do it, you should do a minimum from entrance like smoking is so you don't leave an area and walk straight into a group of dogs. I love dogs and I have a pet dog however I feel people could take advantage, especially the ones that have the big staffys / pit bulls and the likes. I am in my 30s so I'm not an older person being grumpy, I just think a few people would take advantage of being near entrances. You have done so much to clean up Frankston and it has come so far, please don't give people a reason to change Thanks for listening	No
		Confining cats to a property is just not reasonable. Thousands of residents currently have cats. Thousands of residents are responsible pet owners, with registration and bells on collars to scare off wildlife. Expecting cat owners who already have well established routines where cats roam outside is not fair on the cat. To them turn around and argue that a cat run can be built is just not a feasible coat for thousands of residents. I would suggest making it compulsory for cat owners to register and have cats wear collars with bells.	No
		Fully agree with changes to dog laws on beach and in the CBD to encourage responsive dogs and attentive owners into the CBD and allow freedom on beach. Disagree with changes to cat laws. Fully agree with cats being confined to premises after dark but see no harm if not near a reserve during daylight hours. I enjoy seeing cats sunning themselves in driveways etc during walks. Changes would be costly to cat owners to build and maintain cat runs and would be likely difficult to enforce	No
		Happy to have a roam free area on the beach as long as it is enforced properly. Dog owners absolutely need to clean up after their animals and their dogs need to be under control inside and outside this area. They need to be on leash on the beach at all other times. Same goes for Frankston CBD area. They need to be on leash and under control. Suggest you have a trial period to see how it works. I wasn't sure why it was implemented in the first place. I'm not a dog owner but you do see selfish and stupid dog owners who have no control over their dogs and do not clean up afterwards. It's a privilege, not a right. I am a cat owner and don't have a problem with the cat curfew at all. We think it's a good idea they're not out roaming and killing native animals.	No
		Please don't allow dogs on the board walk people during lockdown need to be able to walk along the board walk without dodging big dogs jumping up very small space for 2 way without being tripped or jumped by dogs. Also the amount of dog poo daily is a disgrace people walking along trying to avoid poo bump straight into oncoming pedestrians. I'll start a petition to ban dogs it's a disgusting scene from one end to the other people step in it it's awful. Please ban dogs from the board walk.	No
		I strongly support the cat curfew. I am an avid runner at Frankston Conservation Reserve. I am glad that the nature reserve and its associated fauna are protected. Although the no dog signs are there, there still seems to be dogs on occasion. But this is not part of the scope of the requested submissions. With the amount of houses that back onto the park (and are within the close vicinity) I am acutely aware of the volume of cats that are likely accessing the park and causing damage to the local fauna. I strongly support the 24 hour cat curfew and believe it should be strongly implemented and enforced!	No
		I do not think a 24 curfew for cats is feasible for all cat owners and highly oppose this proposed amendment I believe a sunset to sunrise condition works well as is	No
		Great change. Cats kill our domestic EVERYTHING. Especially in wetlands and coastal fringes slight changes can really benefit local wildlife	No
		As more people have dogs we need more areas to walk them, not just along pavements. In summer, if I want to take my dog to the beach, I would have to drive to Safely Beach. There are lots of lovely green areas around Frankston which we love to explore with our family but we are not allowed to take our dogs there e.g. Frankston Reservoir, Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Park, Bunarong Natural Features Reserve, The Pines Flora and Fauna Reserve, Moorooduc Quarry Flora and Fauna Reserve. It would be great to be able to take dogs to these places on a lead and not just walk around a boring playing field with them. Saltwater Creek is a beautiful place we can take dogs, we would just love to have more wonderful places to be able to enjoy with them close to home.	Yes
		Absolutely in favour of a roam free area for dogs on a section of the beach. The area towards Mt Eliza, furthest away from the pier is often empty and would be perfect. Please seriously consider this. All the dog bags and collection bins for dog droppings around Frankston are much appreciated. Thank you!	No

		Please tell me if cat owners will be required to keep their pets under permanent lock and key what exactly are they paying for? What 'Service' are you providing exactly? Our streets and parks are littered with dog poop but you propose to reward the dog owners?	No
		I congratulate council for considering changing their animal management laws. I don't not think it is acceptable to have cats at large in the environment. There are cat runs and leads and many options available for cats to safely be outdoors. I moved to Langwarrin four years ago and have enjoyed the various fauna and flora spaces and natural bush. I respect and value the native wildlife that also has a right to live and enjoy their environment and feel it is council's responsibility to protect these vulnerable animals. I have owned cats in the past but totally agree with the new proposal to have a 24/7 curfew. It sends a clear message to cat owners of their responsibility whilst living in this municipality.	No
		I believe cats having to stay on their property 24/7 is unfair on responsible cat owners. My two cats go no further than perhaps the yard at the back of the house. They do nothing kill birds, the cause no one any harm and confining them I feel would be cruel. They are inside every night, fed well and I see no risk to our environment where I live. I do believe they need to be inside at night and I have neighbours do not keep their cats inside which is frustrating. Please don't punish us all.	No
		24 hours lockdown of cats isn't feasible. You can stage it in. New cats but not existing cats	No
		YES! 24 hour curfew for cats!! I leave the house at 5am and nearly hit a few cats with my car almost every bloody morning outside if the nature reserve! Now people can't play the 'they just didn't come home this one night' card. And dogs on the beach for sure, even the smallest area will put more money in Frankston's pocket. Right now everyone from Frankston and goes to Mornington and has their doggy dates, brunches and spends their money there	No
		Could we please have a fully fenced dog park? I love to take my dogs to Seaford North Soccer Reserve, but unfortunately there is a vacant block adjacent. Is it possible to securely fence this reserve? I own a scent hound - there is no possibility of recall once her nose is in gear & people in McKenzie Street once left cat food out for their pets: she does not forget! (Or any other local venue will do!!) Thanks!	Yes
		Changes to the animal management plan look good, keep the cats inside and safe in my opinion.	No
		I believe that this is grossly unfair to responsible cat owners. Those that's do not abide by the current rules should be punished. Please leave the current rules of daylight outdoor access for registered cats.	No
		I wish to support the proposed changes and look forward to all three changes being implemented as soon as possible. Thank you for listening to the community's opinion and it's great to see you more in line with other Councils.	No
		I would not like to see the current rules around cats being changed to 24 hr curfew. As owner of a very sociable cat that has had the opportunity to laze out the front, greet guests and play with the kids next door and passing by for the last 9 years it would be cruel to never be able to let her outside again. I totally agree with the sunset to sunrise curfew and would like to see that rule remain.	No
		I support these changes!	No
		Cat curfew should remain sundown to sunrise	No
		Hello! Just want to say the 24 hour car curfew is so amazing! I've seen a lot of people looking about it on the Facebook post, please don't back down on this. I have seen it used in other suburbs and the wildlife flourishes without cats. I have 3 cats myself who are all indoors, I am at uni studying to be a vet and there are just so many positives to cats being confined to an owner's property! So happy to be a part of this council who listen to the public and do what's right for the environment and wildlife xxx	No
		Cat Curfew: I prefer the current arrangements to remain as cat hunting activities are at night Dogs Roam free area on foreshore: What area of the foreshore? Unsafe and people are less likely to clean up after their dog in roam free areas as they dog is seldom nearby Dogs in Frankston CAA: Great idea! It will be great for Frankston Businesses and bring more residents into the city centre for recreation and use of outdoor dining areas	No
		A section of the foreshore off lead for my dogs has won my heart! It really is long overdue. I have driven out of my area daily during better weather to enable my girls to explore and swim off lead. I am very keen to see this go ahead and this is where my interest is out of the three proposals.	No
		Hi, while I agree with the protection of wildlife from cats, issuing a 24 the confinement order is going to cause much grief among cat owners. I have an adult I rescued from the Mornington Pound 4 years ago who was due to be euthanised. This cat was previously outdoors and while I have had cats before (purebred) who were contained indoors from kittens because we lived in Mt Eliza, you cannot simply keep an outdoor cat inside 24/7 suddenly. It is inhumane. We keep our cat inside overnight as per currently rules. Please reconsider this and take into account adult cats how have not been confined. If you must do this, please consider offering grants to build outdoor cat runs so at least adult cats can have a somewhat outdoor existence. Dogs have been offered more freedoms for including more beach area where they. A chase and kill wildlife there. It seems very unfair that dog needs have been catered to but adult cats mental health has been sacrificed due to what I can only assume is the cat-haters amongst the community. As the saying goes, you either hate cats or has never had a cat - and it's unfortunate the cat haters have been given a voice out of bias.	No
		I whole heartedly support the three proposed changes to the animal management plan. I think allowing dogs in the CBD and giving them a section of the foreshore for a roam free area is fantastic and gives owners more flexibility in how they exercise their dogs (and therefore themselves). I also fully support the need for cats to be confined to their premises for their own safety and for the protection of our natural environment. I do believe though, if this is the case, then animal registration requirements for cats need to be abolished. It is not fair on owners to pay registration fees if there will be no need for the council to spend funds reuniting cats with their families (assuming this is what the fees are currently used for). Surely a fine will raise enough revenue if a cat is found roaming.	No

		Keeping a cat 24 hours under lock and key is cruel and not acceptable for the animal. working with Wild life rescue, dogs can and do attack wild life as much as cat do, so therefore why are dogs not being confined to properties for 24 hour 7 days a week, Dogs can and do attack other dogs, children, and adults, have not to date heard of a cat attacking humans. As a person with a companion cat for a disable person, this is not acceptable. Cats should be able to at least be able to sit on their fences, walk around their areas. They not shit everywhere like dogs do and not tell me that all owners clean up after them, that is a joke, just come to Lily Way to see all of the Dog shit that we have to clean up day after day and the council does nothing about it. If cats are to be confined to premises 24/7 then we as cat owners should not have to pay the Frankston City Council any kind of fees, as the Council is NO RIGHT to charge for a service that they are not supplying.	No
		I think all 3 of the proposed changes are great, particularly the cat one. I love that Frankston will get a dog beach but will this be 24/7 or between realistic set times?	No
		Please don't introduce a 24 hour cat curfew it would heartbreaking to suddenly have to confine adult cats to a limited space.	No
		These proposed changes are fantastic. We have too many dead birds in Langwarrin from cats. I love the idea of dogs getting out with their owners and encouraging fitness.	No
		As a returning Frankston resident, I am appalled by the idea of confining cats 24/7. It is cruelty to these beautiful pets. We have two gorgeous cats that have had all injections, have regular check-ups with the vet, have an id implanted and are brought in every night without fail. They wear a bell tag/collar at all times to assist birds knowing they are present, and are friendly cats not roaming too far from the house as they explore their world. These cats have been outdoor/indoor cats their whole life and the thought of confining them all day every day indoors is horrid. They should have time to roam, be in the fresh air and live a lovely pet existence. There are rules in place which are fair and reasonable to cat pet owners. Any changes to these are totally unreasonable and challenged by my family and most people in our neighbourhood.	No
		A fenced in secure dog beach would take owners away from going to the pier the dog poop on the boardwalk either Davey's bay or pelican point I am not suggesting it be all the time at peak season dogs are off by 10 am and allowed back on at 4 as it's not fair to the locals that love and utilities those beaches but I have 2 dogs who I don't trust as far as I could throw them they love to swim it would be nice to stay at home instead of going up to the dog beach at Oakleigh but I need a fenced in entry and a secure fence to keep them on the beach please consider this	No
		I sure do hope that the proposed change to cats having to be kept indoors/ cat cage 24 hours a day happens. We are sick of neighbour's cats treating our garden like a toilet and also harassing the birds and possums. Thank you for the change	No
		1.) I agree, cats should be contained 24 hours per day for their own protection 2.) We are very grateful that the council is thinking of allowing dogs on the foreshore, but not an OFF LEAD roam free area. That's just insane! All dogs should be on leads at all times in my opinion. My dog hates other dogs approaching it, and there are many dogs like mine out there. Please make this an area for dogs on lead 3.) This is fantastic news!!! 100% agree with this!	No
		Is the council going to pay for the materials required to build car enclosures/runs on every cat owner's property? Many cat owners would not have adopted/purchased a car if they knew this would be a mandatory requirement. As a single working/studying mum I simply cannot afford to pay for the overwhelming expense of building a cat run, and I live in a rental property so cannot build any permanent structures to the house. My cats would certainly not be impressed with not being able to wander in my court and to be honest, neither am I!	No
		I think the greater foreshore dog friendly area is a must for a beach suburb like Frankston. Keep up the good work	No
		Please allow dogs on the beach during summer. Dogs need to cook off on hot days. Love all these ideas. Can't wait for the room free area for the dogs	No
		I think at 24/7 cat curfew is brilliant, I am sick of all the neighbours cats walking through my yard and fighting. I have a cat and he is indoors unless the times he is supervised in the back yard with us. He likes fresh air like the rest of us and grass for his digestion. I would like the pet registration fee removed or drastically reduced, what is it for?	No
		I agree with the proposed changes. I believe irresponsible owners who do not pick up their dog droppings should be fined and also fined if their dog is not on a lead in leashed areas.	No
		We are strongly against a proposed 7 day 24 hr cat curfew in Frankston. One reason we moved to the Frankston area from another suburb, rather than moving to the Mornington Peninsula council area was due your more common sense, cat friendlier rules for those of us that love our cats. As responsible pet owners, we feel the current sunset-sunrise curfew is more than adequate and a good balance for all. Many felines do not flourish in enclosures 24hrs per day 7 days per week. It's also something we be unable to afford. A management plan of desexing both feral and domesticated cats would be more appropriate.	No
		Hello, I fully support allowing dogs more freedom, in particular with a leash free area on the foreshore and allowing them in the CCA.	No
		I support all of the proposed changes. I hope there can be at least two dog free roam areas on the foreshore including one near the southern end of Councils foreshore.	No
		I strongly oppose the 24 hour cat curfew. Our cat loves to roam the neighbourhood and is known by all our neighbours bringing pleasure and company to several elderly neighbours. We got him as a rescue cat last year and would not have chosen a young male if we had known council was going to change the rules. My children will be very upset if we have to relinquish our cat because of this very restrictive change.	No
		Hi, In response to the 24/7 cat curfew. I understand that there is a need to protect wildlife. However there is also a need to protect the mental health of existing cats that are in indoor-outdoor arrangements. I can understand this law to be put into place for new cat owners. But for example for my cat. You would be taking away her freedom of which she is already accustomed to and will suffer greatly as a result. It would be very cruel to keep her locked inside now.	Yes
		Thank you for allowing a roam free area for dogs at the beach! As a responsible pet owner and beach lover it's great to know I soon won't have to travel so far to take my dog to the beach. It would be amazing if this could be unrestricted year round dog friendly beach access. Thanks again!	No
		While I understand and agree that a 24hr curfew on cats is best for the environment this would be a change that causes distress to many cat-owning families. Our 6 yr. old ginger is out at least part of the day between approx. 8am and 4pm. For cats that are accustomed to being able to go outside and are already partway through their lives, suddenly being unable to go out would mean an animal that's extremely agitated, noisy, and potentially destructive/aggressive. We have a toddler and the cat needs to get outside during	No

		the day to get some quiet and space. He needs the exercise so he can then sleep soundly at night, allowing all of us to sleep. Our laundry, with his kitty litter, is outside so if we need to bring that inside we then have our huge hygiene issue with our toddler. As he's used to going outside, if he wants to go out and we don't let him out he scratches at the doors, carpets, couch and windows, so a huge amount of damage to our home. Also in the current working from home environment a cat locked inside 24/7 would mean constant meowing through our work day and also while our toddler is trying to nap. We are responsible cat owners, closely monitoring his outside time and checking in regularly with our neighbours to ensure our cat isn't annoying them. We respect our local environment. We're not opposed to building a cat run or enclosure for him however that's a huge cost and undertaking of labour that we don't have budget or time for. If this rule comes into effect it would impact our family to the point we would literally have to consider moving out of the Frankston council area. IF the proposal passes I suggest a subsidy being offered to cat-owning families to incentivise building an enclosure AND a substantial grace period to get it built. I'm not available to present this to council but would be happy to discuss with someone over the phone.	
		Dog roam free areas to have sufficient lighting. Especially during the winter. If you work a standard 9-5 job, by the time you get to the park it's dark and unsafe	No
		Cats not free at all? So now residents who LOVE their cats like they do their dogs and children will all have to build cat enclosures? Whilst dog owners continue to leave dog poo behind on every walk? And now likely, in the city and beaches? Cats deserve to be outside too!	No
		Good to see Council FINALLY looking to lift the CBD dog ban. This will complement the outdoor dining currently being encouraged and it just makes sense to remove it!! Including being able to having reading dogs at Frankston Library and Council's wellness dog there. Both make a big different to the community groups who visit and our local kids. The free roam on the foreshore might be going a bit far. How about dogs allowed on the foreshore on lead at all times? Cat curfew - perfect an in-line with so many other Councils.	No
		A roam free area is a great idea for off lease dogs	No
		I support the initiatives outlined in the Animal Management orders - particularly the plan to introduce a 24 hour curfew for cats and to introduce dog off lead areas on the beach. 1. With so many nature reserves in our municipality and gardens trying to attract native birds, we cannot continue to accept cats being able to roam freely and detract from these values. It astounds me how many signs we see in the community of missing cats - which will now likely be feral and living off native possums and birds. Not to mention cats coming onto private property and making a mess of sandpits, gardens etc 2. Frankston has a very high proportionate number of dog owners (possibly one of the higher council dog ownership rates in Melbourne?) and is a very beach focused community. Yet, strangely the beach is off limits to dogs at the key time of the year - and even when it is open for dogs, has rules that are ignored because they are too onerous and not consistent with community demand to walk dogs off lead. The idea of allowing dogs off lead in some areas is a good one and is likely to lead to more people complying with the rules and in turn meaning areas where dogs are not permitted being adhered to. I suggest looking at 2-3 locations though as people will not be willing to drive from say Keast Park to Frankston Waterfront. So perhaps one near Olivers Hill, one south of Seaford Pier and one near Keast Park.	No
		Very happy with proposed changes	No
		Would be so amazing to have a small section of the beach as roam free. The bad dog owners are in a minority, I'd like to think most of us do the right thing and control our dogs and pick up after them etc.	No
		Regarding Cat Curfew. I would like to see the curfew remain unchanged: The owner of a cat must not allow that cat to wander at large outside the owner's property between sunset and sunrise. Thank you for your consideration.	No
		I support the proposed changes but we need more policing of compliance. Too many dogs off leash on the foreshore.	No
		Cat curfew is a fantastic idea. How will you be able to report a cat that is roaming free? Dogs on the beach. Having off leash dog area/s will be amazing and bring more families to the beach throughout the year. If Phillip island which is a nature park make it work surely we can too.	No
		I wish all councils would adopt this attitude for Cats. Well done.	No
		We are so fortunate to live in Frankston City, home to a wide variety of wildlife including mammals. Birds, reptiles and frogs. A number of our faunal species are of regional, state or national significance. While there are many activities that can negatively impact on our wildlife, one of the biggest threats to our native wildlife populations is predation from Cats both domestic and feral. Cats have played a leading role in most of Australia's 34 mammal extinctions since 1788, and are a big reason populations of at least 123 other threatened native species are dropping. Frankston City's current dawn till dusk curfew is not negating the impact of nuisance cat behaviour. Local wildlife carers estimate 80 per cent of wildlife taken into their care is injured by cats and generally does not survive its injuries or dies later from infection (cats are known carriers of Toxoplasmosis which is deadly to native animals). Further to this studies have shown that each roaming pet cat kills up to 110 native animal a year made up of 40 reptiles, 38 birds and 32 mammals. Given the high density of pet cats in our urban area and the many Natural Reserves on our doorstep which should be safe havens for wildlife, the level of predation in Frankston could actually be higher than this. As many native animals don't have high reproductive rates, they cannot survive this level of predation. Keeping cats securely contained 24 hours a day is the only way to prevent them from killing wildlife. I fully support the introduction of this order.	No
		I am an owner of a cat and dog. I agree with the two amendments relating to the dog beach and dogs in Frankston CBD. I do not agree with the amendments forcing your cat to remain on your property. Look my cat stays on my property, she's inside most of the time but does go out front and around my house but I am also aware that cats do tend to wander. This legislation essentially forces people to keep cats inside 24/7 which I believe is cruel to the animal. There is also the intrinsic difficulty in policing this legislation and the potential for an escalation in disputes between neighbours or even cruelty to cats. What is this legislation trying to achieve. Is it saving wildlife? I'd there not a better way to go about this? It just seems to defy common sense to restrict a cat's movements so much. There must be some middle ground that can achieve the desired outcomes without cruelly forcing people to lock their animals up.	No
		I have two physical business locations in the CAA () and am delighted by the proposed changes to the dog ban being lifted. I would also really like to suggest a paw print system like on Chapel St, where businesses can advertise their dog friendly-ness in-store or in-office. I would also recommend the introduction	Yes

		of corn starch dog waste bags at the rubbish bins in the central area to assist in environmentally friendly, responsible dog ownership. While most owners should have these bags with them, it is possible to forget or run out. I believe that dogs being allowed in to the CAA will assist in creating a better cafe culture and give the shops on the outside of the Bayside Centre, an edge. I also fully supportive of the other two changes.	
████	████	I support proposed change to ensure cats are confined 24 hours a day. I support the proposed change to permit a section of the beach for dogs - if people pick up after their animals and are registered. I do not support dogs in Frankston shopping centre - it is wonderful the way it is as I feel safe and not likely to trip.	No
████	████	I think it's fabulous that a section of Frankston beach will be dog friendly all year round. Please make sure there is a dog poo bag dispensers on all entries to the section of the beach deemed to be dog friendly. I'm not sure how you're going to enforce the rule about cats remaining on their owner's property. It will be hard to police. I also think it's still worth having the curfew to protect wildlife at night. I think it's great that dogs will be allowed in the CBD of Frankston. This is a positive move.	No
████	████	Yes I fully support the proposed changes to amend the cat curfew to require cats to be confined on their owner's premises 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This will provide protection for our valuable native wildlife that are already in decline!! Great move by Council.	Yes
████	████	Good morning I have some real concern here about the cat curfew legislation you are suggesting. 1. An existing cat in a household cannot go from being allowed to go outside to not. It is cruel and mentally disruptive. We have been through enough in the past 18 months please don't give me another thing to be consumed about. 2. I have a doggy door and cannot contain my cat without locking my dogs in or out. I think barking dogs will upset my neighbours more than a wandering Russian Blue! 3. I have children! Our cat nips out when they open the door etc. he does sometimes wander off our property but he is well fed and wears a bell. I pay registration fees for all 3, always have. They are wormed and flea monthly and eat the best quality food. It isn't about money for me, my daughters (aged 7) cat helps with her anxiety but she's at school during the day. Please don't make this 24 hours - what about 9/6pm whilst people are at work? Please review this!	No
████	████	I think the 24 hour cat containment is a great idea, we are near the Seaford wetlands and see them stalking in the area all the time. Great for native wildlife. The dog laws are also good, although I believe that the laws for dogs that are out of control and do damage to others need to be strengthened. We have dogs and I think that owners who do not have their dog under control and it hurts someone or something need to be heavily managed.	No
████	████	Concerns re proposed cat curfew and amended dog laws. Firstly dogs seem to be the big winners here with more dedicated dog areas and allowed to be in the CBD. Don't get me wrong, I love dogs, but is a concrete jungle full of families, shops and restaurants the right place to have dogs? I don't understand why they need to be in this area and feel for those visitors/ children who are nervous around animals. My daughter was attacked by two border collies at Somerville shops when she was a toddler. Both dogs were on leads sitting with their owner while he enjoyed his morning coffee outside a Cafe as we were walking by. She's 8 now and still fears dogs. I'm very concerned about this proposed change. Re cat curfews- I live in a suburban street, residential block with my family and two aging cats. They are locked in every night and let out each morning. They are both desexed, microchipped and have been registered with the council since we moved here 8 years ago. We are responsible pet owners and have done everything right to date. I've never been notified of any neighbourhood complaint regarding their behaviour. My concerns relate not only to the effect the lifestyle change will have on my older cats, but the cost to make my house cat proof under the proposed 24 hr curfew. Could a more personalised approach to these rules be a consideration? Zoned rulings if your property backs onto native parklands/ reserves or if you live a certain distance from one? Fines if your pet ends up on the wrong side of a neighbourhood complaint? Reduced registration for owners who have suitable cat enclosures much like council offers for desexed pets? I can appreciate the 24 hr cat curfew further down the Mornington Peninsula but don't think it's right for Frankston. If these amendments were to go ahead, I would not consider pet ownership in the future.	No
████	████	Having a 24 hour curfew on cats would prove difficult to people who have both dogs and cats. My dogs and cat share a pet door. Closing this would mean my dog's won't have access to the yard.	No
████	████	I disagree with the changes to have cats housebound 24/7. Most cat owners are responsible and ensure cats are kept enclosed. Additionally, most cats don't wander far from their home and usually only for a brief period of time. To penalise, what I believe would be the majority of cat owners and their animals would be unfair and place a cruel restriction on both animals and owners.	No
████	████	I strongly object to the proposed 24 hour curfew on cats. The cats currently in the Frankston council area have not necessarily been raised with the idea that they must remain inside 24 hours a day - yet keeping a cat inside is the only way to ensure they never momentarily leave the property and thus do not break the council rules. Not every homeowner has the room for a cat run or the funds to make one. Cat runs also take up room better left for children in the backyard. I am a strong supporter of the night curfew, which is when cats are most likely to be out preying upon native wildlife. However, I am unable to find the same level of evidence that a full time curfew will have the same value in protecting wildlife. In addition, if a 24 hour curfew is introduced, it should not apply to older cats but only to cats which can be conditioned as kittens. My two rescue cats for example were difficult to condition to the night curfew, and I think a full time curfew would be almost impossible. Our life and their life would be much diminished by the rule change; I am not sure they would cope. It is certainly much too late to provide the alternative freedom of a leash; again only kittens can be trained to harness, not older cats. I am also confident they are not the only cats in Frankston who would suffer.	No

		While I am not keeping any pets for a number of years and will not be affected by the changes proposed I strongly feel that it is unfair to cat owners. I cannot complain about local cats as they make for pleasant and quiet neighbours, have never disturbed my sleep or ruined an afternoon in my backyard with aggressive noises. A lot of lonely, elderly pensioners keep a cat for company as humans have done for thousands of years. A cat is a very affectionate pet and improves mental health for owners, especially during social isolation brought on by many reasons be it compromised health or covid lockdowns. Not everybody will have the means to pay for cat enclosures and those that rent cannot alter the property. Cats will be imprisoned indoors their entire lives which is as cruel as clipping a birds wings. Please reconsider the changes as they discriminate against cats and their owners.	No
		I agree with the proposed changes.	No
		I fully support all proposed amendments! A designated dog area would hopefully mean that people wanting to take their dogs to the beach (of which I've seen many!) would use the designated space rather than sneaking them on at various times/areas. Good for everyone!	No
		Good evening, I am extremely disappointed at the proposed changes and this entire council. All the proposed changes are geared towards the betterment of dogs, dog owners and extending dog owner rights while cat owners are left out like they were criminals. 24 hour curfews are insane, barbaric, and ANIMAL TORTURE. IF the 24 hour cat curfew were to come in effect, we will not pay any registration for our animals and no further council fees will be paid as we DO NOT support ANIMAL TORTURE and the unnatural confinement of an animal that is used to the outside. Evening curfews work and always have worked. Don't change something that isn't broke. I suggest the council that is supported by the people does not listen to the minority.	No
		I am a mum to a disabled little boy who loves the beach. He has taken a long time to get to this point, and it took a lot of work to build up his tolerance. One thing that sends him into meltdown is when dogs rush up to him on the beach. He cannot walk or mobilise himself easily and has been knocked and is terrified by dogs off leash at our area of beach. These dog owners completely disregard him and his fears. They tell me it's okay, my dog is friendly. To have a section of our beautiful beach overrun with irresponsible dog owners will ruin this beautiful place for my family and many others. For example the People who tried to have a meal at the beach who have had a dog trample through their fish and chips. It's infuriating. If it is going to go ahead please limit the times of day and please make it a section that isn't busy or a main entrance Because this will deter people from enjoying the beach with Their families. My little boy deserves to be safe at the beach, as do others. Please DO NOT let this off leash area be at the McCulloch Avenue entrance. That would mean I cannot take my son to the beach because his wheelchair isn't able to access other paths. This is one of the only things he loves, please don't ruin this by letting this be an off leash beach. With regard to cats, if they are to be confined to their property then the owners shouldn't have to pay registration. There should also be grants or supports to build cat runs.	No
		Dear Council members, I am asking that you reconsider your decision to have a 24 hr cat on confined premises curfew. I have an 11 yr. old cat that is inside from sunset to sunrise and has had outside freedoms for the last 11 years. He would become extremely stressed if we had to confine him inside as that would be the only way we could make him stay on our property. It is not as if we can afford to build a large cat run, which would also be stressful for him. It is not as if we can take an elderly cat for a walk on a lead. How would he get the exercise he needs by staying in one small area, as that is all we have. It is my understanding that cats attack wildlife during sunset to sunrise, so why would any other law need to be instated? Why is it a problem to have a fully domestic cat walking about during the day? If it is an issue of going to the toilet in someone else's yard then you will need to have dogs not be allowed out either as multiple times per week we have dog poop on our lawn and nature stip. I do not believe that this new law is warranted, logical, practical nor will enhance anyone's life in the Frankston Council's district (bar a few that complain) and I know people complain about cats, this is going too far and would cause a lot of stress to not only my cat, but to me and other families too. The health and well-being of an animal is certainly more important than a few complaining people Please reconsider and stay with the cat night time curfew as this is for a good reason. Keeping a cat to your own premises is not.	No
		I think the 24 hour cat curfew is too much, I agree with dawn until dusk. If the 24 hr curfew goes ahead I will have no choice but to surrender my cat of 8years due to current rental agreement. The cat is only allowed inside at night, same as my dogs. Unfortunately I don't have the funds to cat proof my yard (home owners won't do it either) as the cat is able to jump from our high grass area straight to the roof and over the fence. I'd have to get council permits to build higher fences and being a single parent renting, it's just not possible. Unfortunately I don't think I'm the only one in the same boat and can see a lot of cats in the future being put down if this goes ahead. Not something I want to see or be a part of.	No
		FANTASTIC!!! Absolutely about time cats stay indoors (from a cat lover myself but have 1 dog) I am sick and tired of scooping up cat poo from my front lawn and garden and having to go out in the middle of the night to break up cat fights or stopping them from killing wildlife. About bloody time!	No
		Cat curfew should be 24-hour. Responsible cat owners already contain their cats all hours. Some leeway during the implementation is a good idea. Putting out information about cat enclosures, leash training etc is also a good idea. Dog free roam area is a good idea. Ensure it is 24-hour. I would be for removing the Summer curfew (dog-free hours) as well.	No

		Adherence is low, and most dogs are not a hazard when leashed controlled. Likewise, the dog ban in Frankston CBD seems unnecessary. I am all for allowing leashed dogs in the CBD.	
		I agree that there should be a designated off lead area on the beach, and dogs should be allowed on leash in the CBD and owners definitely should pick up after their dogs at all times. However I would like to say that I don't like how Frankston beach has been policed by compliance officers. Even if you are following the rules, I feel very penned in every time I see these individuals. All well behaved dogs and dog owners shouldn't be made to feel so watched and policed at a place which is for the entire community primarily for leisure. Also I would like to add that Families come in all shapes and sizes. My husband and I are not able to have human children, and our dog is our child, no matter what. I would like more options to be able to go out with our family, dog included, for meals and drinks. I have been all over Melbourne, Sydney, Newcastle, Byron Bay, Brisbane, Cairns I have never come across such a negative dog culture like there is in Frankston. And it does Frankston an injustice. It says stay away, you are not welcome, we do not trust you, and you are not responsible. Frankston council rules must reflect the change in Frankston's people & culture. We cannot prove that we can change if you don't let us. If there is free poop bags in the CBD too, this will also encourage responsibility. In terms on cats not being allowed to roam, I'm not a cat person, but I'm sure there are many that have opinions on the matter.	No
		If you want cats in for 24 hours a day 7 days a week, i hope you are going to pay for the fencing/cage for my mum's cat who lives with her in Frankston. The cat only goes out at day, comes in each night and is a companion for my mum. How is she supposed to keep her in? Ridiculous.	No
		The 24/7 cat curfew is extreme and will be hard, if not impossible to police. It is hard, if not impossible for cat owners to apply this to a cat that is middle or old aged, and has been used to roaming - it is a cruel action. This law may be widely ignored and cause more problems than it solves. Specific local orders for 24/7 Cat curfew areas could be applied. For example, City of Casey bans cats in Botanic Ridge as it is close to the botanic gardens. The night-time curfew is fair and strikes a balance that can be supported by most. It is also easier for owners to keep cats in at night if a 24/7 curfew is applied, council should consider providing cat runs.	No
		In addition to these changes I feel it is essential that there are plenty of additional bins for dog waste control with pick up bags provided for dog owners. Will there be a foreshore section in each suburb i.e. a section for free roam at Frankston beach and a section for free roam at Seaford beach etc?	No
		Keep cats confined 24/7!	No
		I agree that there should be beach access for our dogs and they should allowed to be with their owner in Frankston while visiting a cafe. Frankston small business have lost to Mornington when going out for food. Our dogs are a very important and valuable part of our families.	No
		I agree with all of the proposed changes. Cats should always be inside for the safety of native wildlife and for the safety of the cat.	No
		I think the cat curfew is a brilliant idea but needs to be backed up with stiff penalties. Too many cat owners permit their cats to roam at night. A drive around any residential street at night will show this. Dogs shouldn't be permitted on beaches during the warmer months. Who wants their kids to lay their towel down on dog pee or step in dog turds? Dogs should be kept out of the CBD. Too many idiots wander around with pitbull's to make themselves look manly. These and other fighting dogs have to place in our society. I have experienced this first hand. With council forcing the owner to remove their dog.	No
		I am in total support of the full proposed Animal Management Plan Living in Sandhurst we have an abundance of wildlife and with cats roaming free this has been a major problem in our estate. Many cats roam freely around the parks and water features threatening wild birds. Dog plan – I am in total support of the dog plan, however there should be areas around parts of the CAA with Council Offers monitoring the eating areas.	No
		Brilliant. This will just add to an awesome community who share a love for their pets and local wildlife. All for the 3 changes 100%	No
		I have a cat that is in by the current curfew and when out only stays around the front of my unit. He is 10. I question how he would go being an inside cat after 10 years of not. I would rather the council imposing that all cats must wear collars with bells and keeping the curfew as is rather than a 24 hour curfew. Thank you	No
		Brilliant. This will just add to an awesome community who share a love for their pets and local wildlife. All for the 3 changes 100%	No
		24 hour cat curfew is ridiculous. I have always had outdoor cats that come and go throughout the day. They never venture far, but love to find a sunny spot to sunbake in, which we often don't have in our tiny backyard. Definitely fine to keep them locked up during sundown > sunrise. This is when they do the most harm to wildlife anyway.	No

		To those it may concern, I am writing today in response to the proposed increase to the cat curfew in Frankston. I am aware of the reasons this curfew is being considered. However, I find it unreasonable for the many cat owners in the community to keep cats confined at all times. I have two cats myself who are very well behaved, but will wander 10-20 metres from the house at times in the day; and I do not want to face being fined for this harmless behaviour. Those proposing the curfew say that cats do not need to roam. Whilst I accept the sentiment, in practice it is far from reasonable. If my cats are not let outside at all they will run amok and drive both themselves and us insane. Since we are renting, like many other Frankston locals, we are not able to build any sort of outdoor enclosure, nor would we have the funds or space. Therefore, a 24 hour cat curfew would take a significant toll on the mental health of both us and our animals. I understand the complaints of those in the community who are experiencing inconvenience at the paws of cats who do not belong to them. However, I think a full curfew is unnecessary for the many happy cats who are sitting in the sunshine and doing nothing wrong. Surely there is a middle ground where cats who are specifically being a menace to the community could be investigated. But for most cats who are inside at night already and are monitored nearby to their homes during the day like my cats, a 24 hour curfew is a harsh and unfair proposal. Thank you for your time. I hope that the team at Frankston Council can continue to allow Frankston to be a good place to live.	No
		I do not agree with confining cats in their home 24/7. I believe the current law is sufficient enough. Animals should have the right to be able to roam outside free during the day. Perhaps tougher laws to adhere to this would be better.	No
		The proposed changes are wonderful. We have many cats around our house that roam free day and night. One came onto our deck last night and drank from our dog's water bowl. They are constantly causing our dog to bark & become stressed. I'm hoping there will be an effort to send this information to all registered cat owners as well as it being published in the gazette. I would be happy to do a letter box drop in my area if the information was sent to me.	No
		I am happy with the proposed changes. I'm hopeful cat owners will for the most part comply but I suspect most won't care or won't know. I am just sick of being in my own garden and standing in cat poo or finding them hiding in our shed and bothering our dog. As a dog owner the changes make no difference to us, we have a greyhound and by law they must be on a lead in public even in a leash free area. So we can't actually make use of your leash free areas as it is too high a risk for her. I would to see more done pointing to education for owners on control, training for dogs and cats and etiquette. Such as not just assuming because your dog is friendly they can run up to anyone. There should also be a ban on retractable leads.	No
		What a splendid idea! - To allow dogs in a free roam area near the foreshore. Hopefully this will be correctly fenced with dog locks at the gates, a water supply for summer, rubbish bins and even a supply of bags to encourage owners to pick up after their dogs. Please make it big enough for a large dog to run its socks off Regular exercise is a very important part of dog ownership. Your support will help to make this a reality. We are aware of a great many new dog owners in the Frankston area since our lockdowns commenced. Driving to Mt Eliza and Mornington foreshore facilities has not been permitted. A local facility is very much needed.	No
		I have very strong feelings regarding this topic. I am so sick of all the dog poo on my nature strip and even more so in the Sweetwater Creek Reserve. In all the time I have lived here, I have never seen a Ranger police the Reserve. I would not frequent a restaurant which allows dogs as I don't find this hygienic and I would no longer shop in the Frankston city centre. I would change my shopping habits and go to either Karingal or Southlands. Most dog owners do the right thing but there are many who do not. In our street, it is the foxes killing the birds and possums and when this was previously brought to your attention, no one was interested. This was despite my husband submitting photos of the foxes congregating in our street and the birds and possums they had killed. Tired of all the blame being placed on cats.	No
		I disagree with the proposed plan for cats being not being allowed out of the property at any time of the day. My cat often runs out when a door/window is opened and he is difficult to stop. However, we have a tracker on him so we always know where he is and can get him home when needed. It would be literally impossible to stop him from getting out of our property occasionally.	No
		All of the proposals are good ideas. I am a cat owner but have had problems with other cats attacking mine on 3 occasions, once resulting in expensive vet bills. It will also protect our wildlife. Next target: foxes!	No
		The proposed changes are some of the most ridiculous and biased ideas I have seen from the Council to date. Apologies for venting my spleen but these changes are divisive and will create more animosities between dog and cat owners. From my observations there are more annoying and cruel aspects associated with dog owners especially those who do not look after them as well as they should, who do not maintain them on a leash when in public creating anxiety towards other members of the public, who do not pick up after them (lots of evidence of that matter), who do not care about the incessant barking of their dogs and their aggressive behaviour, and so on. Cat owners are already disadvantaged by Council bylaws and most are already diligently abiding these regulations compared to dog owners. If these changes are imposed you will see a surge in abandoned cats, total disregard of existing compliance and neighbourly disorder, and cruelty to cats, imagined if dogs are subject to 24/7 curfew. I have heard all the arguments about cats and their impact of the environment but as always the arguments are one sided when there is no regard to the impact caused by urban development, road and transport, removal of trees and other fauna because property owners can do so. Absolute humbug. Don't bother contacting me as I know these so called progressive initiatives are fait accompli.	No

		My concern is for those people who have companion animals, and during the Pandemic, those who are older people and those with a disability need their pets to be accessible during daylight hours. The existing restrictions work well, and a 24 hour ban would be unfair to those who love and cannot let their pets out during the day. If infirmed or limited in mobility, to impose such strict and harsh regimes would be cruel. I feel instead, a program to de-sex wild and stray cats would be a far effective regime and those who are registered with their municipalities who have ID chips, and thee pet is desexed or a license for professional breeders is lodged, then they ought be exempt, this ensures a broad demographic of owners with unique and special needs are protected and have their animals only indoors from the sunset to sunrise. Mental health issues impact everyone, but if in an older age group or have a disability this new change could be devastating.	No
		-Re a 24/7 Cat curfew. Yes, please. Most responsible cat owners already do this anyway. -Re Beach regs. Please leave as is. Just ensure current rules are enforced. -Re Dogs in Frankston CBD. Please, do not, repeat, do not allow. It is not necessary to have dogs there. As things are now when out walking, I see too many dogs off lead, and dog poo everywhere. Exactly how do you propose to deal with that in a shopping centre? Also, what if a dog takes a disliking to another dog, in the CBD, around people, and a child or even an elderly person is bitten? Council would be seen as irresponsible. And last, speaking for myself, I will not be shopping, or using cafes, where there are dogs present.	No
		I do not wish my personal information to be disclosed outside Council because it contains disability information. Firstly I am a two cat owner and as a person with Autism. I use this interaction with cats as therapy. However, I can only spend time with them for a limited period and then they are placed outside in the day. This is essential for my health. I chose not to move and own a home in Mornington because Frankston offered a non 24 hour cat curfew. This proposal is horrific to have a 24 hour curfew. What it means is that I will have to have my two family cats surrendered and / or put down because of proposed changes. I have tried to contain them in a cat house. It's just too hard. I have resorted to spending a lot of money having GPS trackers placed on them because when they dart out of the door, it takes a while to find them. I also have tried to use a cat house outside but it is not practical. This proposal will damage my mental health as I have no other option but deal negatively with the cats. Not only this, it will also turn my children against me and this proposal has already resulted in a strain with my wife. I resent this proposal. I will also point this out that your survey represent around 170 responses out of a city of 140000 persons. It is not statistically relevant that you can conclude that a 0.5% response rate for cat curfews represents the Frankston people. That is an illegitimate claim. With respect to the dog proposals, I am already having to avoid dog poo on the Frankston side walk. I have to walk each day around my neighbourhood for therapy and I have seen an increase of dog owners. Many are irresponsible. They do not pick up after themselves and they make life miserable. I have aggressive dogs behind fences barking all the time and scaring me. There is one such dog opposite the local kinder. It must upset kids no end. Honestly, your bylaws need work in regard to compliance in dog ownership yet you want to make cat ownership miserable for me. This is a two faced policy and I do not want to see more problematic dog ownership in Frankston. If you are going to curfew cats 24 hours then curfew dogs. I do not support your cat curfew to 24 hours proposal.	No
		As a cat owner and wildlife lover, I wholeheartedly support the extension of the cat curfew to 24 hours. As much as I adore my cats, I understand they are natural born killers and need to be kept inside or on a leash outside in the garden or they will prey on native gliders and birds. The abundance of native wildlife in The Frankston area is a highlight for me, and one of the reasons I chose to live in Seaford. I commend the council for this vital policy and pray other cat owners are as passionate about our native wildlife as we are.	No
		I wish to oppose a 24-hour cat curfew. It's cruel to keep an animal locked up inside every day, never to enjoy the sunshine, wind, climbing on trees, being in nature.	Yes
		I am opposed to changes in the dog laws. No dogs in the CBD. No free range for dogs on the beach. The main reason I object is that most owners do not follow the existing laws especially "on leash" and "pick-up", and the rules are not enforced by council officers. There should be more active council enforcement on the streets and beach area. No dogs should be allowed on the beach during daylight hours. I support the proposed law change for cats.	No
		I am whole heartedly against the proposal for a 24/7 cat curfew in Frankston. I agree with the sunset to sunrise current curfew in place. It's a reasonable policy which is designed to protect local fauna, particularly native mammals, when they are most active at night, whilst not depriving our pets of the outdoors that they love so much. In the Domestic Animal Management Plan the council has released there were excerpts from submissions. One person complained about cat faeces in their garden. Cats mark their territory like this at night. The current policy is sufficient to prevent this occurrence. Another person remarked at the shock of seeing a possum killed by a cat as they took out the bins, again this would almost certainly have been at night. Current policy is sufficient, this is a case of enforcement, not a policy failure. Since nobody can/is willing to enclose their property boundary with cat-proof fences like a maximum security prison, this proposal effectively means cats must be confined to captivity, for their entire lives. Given how much these animals like to bask in the sun, roll around in the grass and explore, I consider this cruel. If this proposal were to pass, I expect the following to happen: -Responsible cat owners that already abide by the night curfew will reluctantly abide by the new 24/7 curfew -Irresponsible cat owners (whose cats already roam free at night) will either not know of the policy change (how many know about the current policy?) and do nothing, or knowingly do nothing. RESULT will be exactly the same numbers of cats on the prowl at night, and a fewer cats during the day. I find myself asking these questions, are there specific problems to do with cats being outdoors during the day? What would this policy succeed in doing that enforcement of the night-time curfew wouldn't? I am a cat owner, and a responsible one. I accept others are not. I regularly see cats outside prowling after dusk and I think more should be done. Let's boost registration, let's encourage owners to fit collars with bells and fit smart cat doors that use locks and timers. And let's see the current night-curfew policy enforced. Let's not condemn thousands of animals to a lifetime of captivity.	No

		This is a welcome change, allowing free roam areas for dogs on the beach and welcoming dogs into the Frankston city centre. Will assist with bringing life back into the city and put Frankston back in step with other councils- well done!	No
		I am delighted to hear of these proposed changes to the current pet regulations. Especially the proposed dog roam free section of the foreshore. I would be very happy to see all of these proposed changes put into place.	No
		The bias towards dogs in the shire is a concern. Cats deserve access to natural light and fresh air also. For renters it is difficult to contain them on the property 24/7 without trapping them indoors. I do not agree with proposed changes. We do not need dogs in the middle of the shopping centre. Unless there are dog friendly cafes there is just no need. As someone who was bitten by someone's dog at the front of a supermarket this disappoints and alarms me.	No
		I'm happy with the proposed 'cat curfew' and 'roam free area on foreshore' changes. However, I do NOT approve of the 'Dogs in Frankston CAA' proposal. Regardless of whether the dog is on a leash or muzzled, dogs can be intimidating and approach strangers. When I visit the Frankston CAA I want to feel safe and this proposal will not do this and instead make me avoid the area wherever possible.	No
		One of the main reasons I chose to live in Frankston is so I can allow my cats to be outdoors during the day. They are always in between dusk and dawn, and are fully vaccinated. If the ruling were to change I would move somewhere else. There are now so many dogs in the area, and so many people not obeying the rules about keeping dogs on leashes in places like parking areas, that I think is of much greater concern than cats out during the day.	No
		This seems like a positive step forward to me, having a designated area of the foreshore for dogs allows people to enjoy that area with their pets, whilst still allowing others to enjoy the foreshore dog-free at other locations.	No
		I have a cat that is in by the current curfew and when out only stays around the front of my unit. He is 10. I question how he would go being an inside cat after 10 years of not. I would rather the council imposing that all cats must wear collars with bells and keeping the curfew as is rather than a 24 hour curfew. Thank you	No
		I completely support the proposed animal management changes. I am a dog owner myself, I have a little bichoodle named Cole, and have wished many times to be able to take him with me on a walk through the city centre, or meet with friends over a coffee with my dog at my side. I have also found that places where dogs are allowed bring people together, as you bond over a shared love of your pet, or as dog lovers ask to pet your dog. I believe that dogs in the CAA will bring smiles to many faces, and the proposed amendment will be a welcome change.	No
		I support the proposed animal management changes, apart from the free roam on the foreshore. Too many people use the existing free roam areas but do not have effective voice control over their dogs, which is a concern in an area where children and other vulnerable people could be nearby.	No
		I disagree with cats being confined to their homes 24/7. It's totally ridiculous and unfair. Letting cats out from dawn to dusk is fair. It's unrealistic and unfair to enforce a 24/7 ban on cats leaving their homes when they have previously enjoyed going outside into their yards. Being confined from dusk to dawn was to help protect Australian wildlife which is understandable. Use logic and reason.	No
		During Vic lockdown it was so very very clear how special the relationship people had with their canines - the evidence was for all to see on the Frankston foreshore where people and dogs enjoyed their free time together in the fresh salty air and could enjoy (from a Covid compliant distance) both the human and dog interaction. It broke down barriers to be able to start a conversation that began with your dog and could then lead to what crazy was going on in the world today!! Dogs + Beach + people= Better mental health! Do this Frankston for the mental wellbeing of our community!!	Yes
		I think that it is wonderful that you are taking into account the important role that pets play in people's lives however the sad reality is that a lot of people do not adhere to the requirements such as keeping dogs on leash or picking up their pet's poo. What section of the foreshore would be off leash? There are many people who have a fear of dogs too and this would make that portion of the beach inaccessible to them it would be important to ensure that it wasn't the majority of the foreshore that was off leash. Would these areas be patrolled and infringements given for dogs off leash or owners not picking up after their pets? Or cleaners hired to do the cleaning up after them?	No
		Dogs in the city centre - just another reason for us to avoid going into Frankston & shop somewhere else. It's already a mess, don't make it worse. No everyone likes dogs and unfortunately from experience not all dog owners are conscientious. There is always dog poo around the streets and I am often approached by off lead dogs in restricted areas already when I am out walking. The further relaxing of dog related restrictions throughout the municipality is very disappointing.	No
		I would like to suggest the area of beach between Olivers Hill and Frankston Pier becomes part of the dog leash free section. This is a nice segregated area away from the main beach and very popular with dog walkers.	No

		I object to the proposed change for cat owners to confine their cats on their premise 24 hours a day 7 days a week. I think the community deserves to be provided with a reason based on science and fact as to why this measure is being taken. I would also like to enquire into animal management strategies that are not being enforced, current owners not following existing rules including night time curfews & unleashed dogs where not permitted. In addition I would like to put forward a proposal for a de-sexing programme for cats. I firmly believe that this restriction is a far too broadly based measure that unfairly targets already law abiding citizens and fails to take into account the real issues with management of cats in the LGA.	Yes
		Such welcome news that Frankston Council are also considering changes to the current cat curfew By-Law for Frankston to the 24 hour a day, 7 days a week By-Law currently other Melbourne Councils have instigated successfully. As cats are predators by nature and as some irresponsible owners allow their cats to freely roam off their property day or night, compiled this with un-desexed stray and feral cats roaming, the bird and wildlife which frequent our beautiful green areas i.e. Parks, Gardens, Nature Reserves and Golf Courses do of course suffer and are in danger of injury or fatal attacks. The Frankston Compliance Officers also need this 24/7 cat curfew By-Law to be able to properly address and enforce the problems with roaming cats whether it be to causing nuisance to residents or destroying the birds and wildlife. In regard to dogs it certainly would be welcomed for a section of Frankston's foreshore to be a designated off-leash beach area for dogs and of course subject that owners must pick up after their dog/s and must be currently registered. This enactment would also credit Frankston as a welcoming canine suburb not only to its residents but to the tourists who quite often include their dog/s in their outings. I am absolutely in agreement that dogs also be allowed in the open spaces of Frankston's City Centre and subject to being on a leash, owner must pick up after their dog and must be currently registered. However I do not agree to dogs entering the main covered shopping complexes which do become very busy with people traffic and loud noises which certainly would be detrimental to their well-being. I would like to thank Frankston Council for giving this opportunity to submit some input on these positive Frankston dog and cat By-Law changes, it's much appreciated. Hopefully these changes will be implemented and come into effect very soon.	No
		I agree with having a dog roam beach area at all times. Great idea! I also think adjusting the no dogs time to 10 or 10.30 to align with Carrum would be good. I think the cat restrictions are unrealistic.	No
		Re cat curfew -- I absolutely support it. However there are a couple of practicalities that I feel need to be discussed to ensure that, if passed, it can 1. Be enforced 2.cat owners have support to keep their cats indoors. I am not a cat owner and as a wildlife gardener I am aware that their presence deters and kills what I'm trying to attract but I feel that -- as a kindness to cats too -- that there needs to be support and education to ensure cats get the mental stimulation and exercise they need. Cat enclosures of course would be ideal but the cost and for renters, how practical is this? I think it is important to think this aspect through so that there are a range of solutions and education. Secondly, is enforcement -- who is doing this? Will council be having patrols? Or will it rely on neighbours reporting it? I think it needs to be really clear what the steps are so that cat owners are aware of their responsibilities and penalties, and surrounding households know what they can do. It would be good for this not to be adversarial but co-operative. So essentially yes I support it but for it to truly work there needs to education and support. I am in favour of unleashed dogs on parts of the beach -- I feel this is long overdue.	No
		I would like to suggest the area of beach between Olivers Hill and Frankston Pier becomes part of the dog leash free section. This is a nice segregated area away from the main beach and very popular with dog walkers.	No
		I support all the proposed changes to allow dog's greater access to Frankston CBD, as well as allow an off lead area on the foreshore. However I also support greater compliance and enforcement measures for irresponsible owners who do not put dogs on lead in on lead areas, do not clean up after their dogs or do not have their dogs under effective control when off lead. Ultimately these actions by irresponsible individuals are what result in dog bans and restrictions occurring in the first place.	No
		In response to the proposed change regarding a Cat Curfew- I would like to submit a response of no change to the legislation and to maintain the current order- The owner of a cat must not allow that cat to wander at large outside the owner's property between sunset and sunrise. Most cats do not wander very far and a punishment of not allowing cats to be outside any time what so ever is in my opinion cruel and unnecessarily punitive. I would like to see first the impoundment of wondering cats after the current curfew and a check on unregistered and un-desexed animals. I have sent a message to council regarding cats that have been out after curfew and the street name where they have been a nuisance but I still see these cats (which I am fairly sure are feral) have still not been picked up as I see them still roaming with no collar and council tag.	No
		I am objecting to the proposed change to allow dogs in the CBD of Frankston. We have for years now had peace and quiet in the CBD areas, with no dogs fighting, barking, getting under people's feet and generally being a nuisance. I do not want this to change. There is a place for domestic pets, and the middle of the shopping centre is not it. Similarly, I object to dogs having access to Frankston beaches during the day over the warmer months of the year when people wish to avail themselves of our beautiful foreshore. Unfortunately dog owners seem incapable of adequately restraining their animals in public and nor do they pick up after their pets. Allowing dogs on the beaches when they are busy with people is a poor mix and a health hazard and impinges on the rights of people to enjoy the beach in peace and cleanliness (notwithstanding the rubbish left by humans!).	No
		I do not agree with a fine if your cat is outside your property. My cat is an indoor cat, but escapes from time to time when someone walks in the door. Cats are born to roam and explore outside, and it's so hard to keep them contained. I try so hard to keep my cat indoors for her safety. Would hate to think I would be fined for my indoor escaping every now and then. It's a hard call because there are so many cats roaming due to irresponsible owners. But I'm not an irresponsible owner. My cat is indoors 99% of the time and it will be that 1% she's out I will get that fine.	No
		Cat curfew during night hours should stay and no curfew during the day. You will be increasing the cost of keeping a cat due to litter requirements and not all litter requirements are good for the environment. Has costing and environmental impact studies been carried out on these points as there seems little consideration to this requirement. Our rates are already high and just because I already own a cat you are adding to that cost indirectly.	No
		Having lived in Frankston since 1986, I was never so happy as when Frankston Council changed the by-law and banned dogs from the Frankston CBD. I was so sick and tired of stepping in dog poop that irresponsible dog owners never bothered to pick up because they were just too lazy and didn't care that people might inadvertently step in it. We all know that there are many Frankston people like this so to change this successful law to then allow dogs in the Frankston CBD will just open the flood gates for this disgusting	No

		practice to once again occur on a regular basis (mark my words!). Even now, I constantly have to watch where I am walking on the Boardwalk near the beach because of this exact same problem. I can't believe Council would even consider it knowing exactly that unfortunately so many people in Frankston don't consider other citizens e.g. litter, graffiti, vandalism, the list goes on and on. There are numerous places close to the CBD where people can walk their dogs and they don't need to do it in the Frankston CBD. Please have consideration for those of us who do not want to have to constantly walk looking down just in case we step in dog poop. And just because a dog is on a leash, if the leash is not tightly held, vicious dogs can still bite and frighten older people when they suddenly jump at them or growl. And the habit of tying dogs up outside shops/shopping centres unattended also poses the same problems. All citizens deserve to feel safe when they are going about their business in the CBD. Kindly consider this before changing this by-law which will be to the detriment of so many in the future.	
		On behalf of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are fully in support of the proposal to implement a 24 hour cat curfew. If implemented, this will be good news for domestic cats, our wildlife and for biodiversity as well. Both the RSPCA and Zoos Victoria too support the many councils that are taking this important step. Welfare for the cats themselves can only improve when properly contained indoors or in a cat run. They will no longer be exposed to dangers such as attack from other domestic animals, being hit by cars or contracting diseases. There is a wealth of ideas and information about enrichment for contained pet cats on the Zoo's Victoria website, and consumer led demand for enclosures means there are many commercial cat runs available, but also plenty of plans for simple home-made enclosures too. We know that Australia wide, domestic and feral cats are killing mammals, birds, reptiles, frogs and invertebrates by the millions every single day. Although feral cats are the main culprits of these statistics, domestic cats make up a large enough portion that where we can take action, we should. The current law requiring cats to be confined to owner's properties between dusk and dawn have provided limited protection for our nocturnal species, so it's time to expand that not only to protect our diurnal species as well, but to send a clear message that Frankston cares about its environment and takes the protection of its inhabitants very seriously. Frankston has a lot of great reserves. One of the downsides is that residential houses often back right up to them, giving pet cat's great access to these areas of larger biodiversity for up to 16 hours per day. Cats often roam kilometres from home, putting them deep within the reserves where wildlife should be safe. Local wildlife should too be able to enjoy protection from harm when residing in gardens. As the human population grows, resident owned green space is going to become more and more important in the contribution to biodiversity. I for one, am a participant in the Gardens for Wildlife program, and have given my garden back to nature in an effort to drive biodiversity. Unfortunately, despite my best efforts, my garden is frequented by local cats, making my safe haven for native species, not very safe at all. A collection of data gathered over a year from 2 wildlife shelters within the city of Frankston shows a broad range of species coming into care, including blue tongued lizards, sugar gliders, micro bats, and of course, plenty of birds and possums. Sadly these are just the animals that we know about, the ones that were found. What could be more telling about the impact roaming cats have had on our environment is the species we no longer have coming into care, because they simply aren't there anymore. Most notable of these are bandicoots and feather-tailed gliders. From a wildlife carer's point of view, when we have a victim of a cat attack come into care, it's hard to approach these cases with positivity, as there is rarely a good outcome. Often when we attend rescues for an animal attacked by a cat, we are simply the driver, taking them to the vets to be euthanized immediately, put out of their misery as quickly as possible. Ones that survive an initial attack are prone to infection, and are usually excessively stressed from the ordeal. Most never make it out of the vets and into our care, but of the ones that do, less than 30% actually go on to survive and be released back into the wild. Carers often speak about the utter waste of life with cat attack victims. They all have had that moment where they are holding what was a perfectly healthy animal moments before, that was killed by a cat, not for survival, not for food, but for the pure pleasure of killing. There is no amount of allowing a cat to indulge its hunting instincts that makes up for the suffering of our wildlife that have not adapted to predator that is so effective. This is unquestionably a contentious issue. This will unfortunately inconvenience some that will have to go to some effort to change theirs and their cat's behaviour. Some people might say there are bigger issues than this, like that humans do more damage to the environment, and they're right, there are bigger issues to the environment than domestic cats. Implementing this curfew might not tackle the bigger issues we are all facing but it will still make a difference, and it's an important difference to be made. Most importantly though, we will be seeing that difference right here in the city of Frankston.	Yes
		I have submitted a previous response but have further considered the proposal. The website states extensive consultation was undertaken, yet as a permanent resident I never heard of any proposals or a consultation round. If I would have known of the consultation round I would have submitted a response. In addition, you noted 750 responses were received. If you conservatively estimate the population of the Frankston City Council area as 140,000 (141,845 in the 2018 Census) the proposals are based on responses from 0.5% of the population. This means that 95.5% of the population is to be ruled by a decision made by an extreme minority, less than 1% of the population. That is not democratic. If you look at cats and dogs owners (20,543 registered animals), the responses are from about 4% of owners (approximately 1 animal per owner). A minority again. If 2 animals per owner then the percentage is 7.5%. It is also likely that responses were received from non-animal owners which reduces that percentage again. On Facebook, some residents blame domesticated cats for local native animal deaths yet the impact on the flora and fauna of Frankston is primarily the result of human arrival and encroachment. The disappearing habitat and native animal death is due to constant housing and road construction leading to mass land and habitat clearing. I note that the construction of the Brompton estate mentioned it was important land for the Eastern banded bandicoot yet both Cranbourne and Frankston Councils noted no opposition to the estate nor established any native animal management plan. The 60% reduction in koala numbers since 1970 also has nothing to do with cats. Containment of feral cats and foxes and a massive reduction in the current rate of land clearing would be more effective than containment of well fed, lazy domestic cats who just want to lie in the sun and breathe fresh air. The only reason I heard about this consultation round was through Facebook. I have not been contacted or made aware of this consultation round through any other means. I don't read the local newspapers and haven't received one now for many months. This doesn't sound like extensive consultation either. Most people on the Facebook page were completely surprised to read of this. In addition, the Council proposal does not account for the cost in any cat containment systems for residents or how long cats have lived with the current arrangements. 10 years ago I paid over \$1500 for an Oscillot system which failed to contain my male cat. My backyard is also too small and requires extensive and expensive drainage work prior to any further work. The drainage work is required due to the questionable approval of my current land as suitable for housing. All my neighbours experience the same flooding and water drainage issues in their gardens. One neighbour recently paid over \$2,500 for drainage works. My cats are now 11 years old and the one	No

		cat able to scale the fence system may need to adapt to a completely indoor life which he won't cope with. I can't imagine how elderly or poorer residents will adjust to the new proposals if they need to dream up approximately \$1,000 or more. I ask Frankston City Council to reconsider the 24 hour cat containment proposal.	
		I agree with having a dog roam beach area at all times. Great idea! I also think adjusting the no dogs time to 10 or 10.30 to align with Carrum would be good. I think the cat restrictions are unrealistic.	No
		Re cat curfew -- I absolutely support it. However there are a couple of practicalities that I feel need to be discussed to ensure that, if passed, it can 1. Be enforced 2. cat owners have support to keep their cats indoors. I am not a cat owner and as a wildlife gardener I am aware that their presence deters and kills what I'm trying to attract but I feel that -- as a kindness to cats too -- that there needs to be support and education to ensure cats get the mental stimulation and exercise they need. Cat enclosures of course would be ideal but the cost and for renters, how practical is this? I think it is important to think this aspect through so that there are a range of solutions and education. Secondly, is enforcement -- who is doing this? Will council be having patrols? Or will it rely on neighbours reporting it? I think it needs to be really clear what the steps are so that cat owners are aware of their responsibilities and penalties, and surrounding households know what they can do. It would be got for this not to be adversarial but co-operative. So essentially yes I support it but for it to truly work there needs to education and support. I am in favour of unleashed dogs on parts of the beach -- I feel this is long overdue.	No
		I'm really pleased to see that Frankston council is allowing a dog free zone on the beach foreshore Along the Peninsula and Bayside all other councils have this. So it will be lovely to see dog owners and those with kids with dogs can now enjoy the beach as a total family (furry friends are family). Thankyou	No
		It is simply unrealistic to expect all cat owners to be able to confine their pets to their property at all times. Many people cannot achieve this, I am renting a home that does not have adequate fencing and have been denied approval to build an attached cat enclosure. It is ignorant to think that the Frankston city council can simply deny an animal the right to wander its surrounding area.	No
		I strongly support these changes as it will encourage more of an active lifestyle for both our residents and dogs. It should also as a secondary result increase sales for our foreshore businesses.	No
		Love the plan for free roam area on the beach providing that it is in a suitable location, fenced if possible and plenty of bins (dog waste and general rubbish). Overall I would like to see an increase in dog waste (or general rubbish) bins as the existing ones in places like the wetlands fill very quickly. I also hope that the plan comes with increased patrols and enforcement of the rules. While most owners are very good there are a growing number that simply ignore the rules around keeping dogs on leash and cleaning up.	No
		In relation to dogs allowed in the CBD, it would be interesting to know your plan as to the waste. Currently there is dog waste consistently in public areas, boardwalk, Sweet Water trail and footpaths! I am not sure Frankston is at the stage whereby people will clean up, currently the waste outlets are always overfilled and it's disgusting. In relation to cats, this is most disappointing. Frankston City seems to have a hatred for domestic cats often interchanging them with feral cats which are nothing unlike Cats which currently have access to outside their owners property of causing issues would be reported so I am not sure why an additional change would be made? Frankston City is still a low socioeconomic area, if suddenly cats need to be confined there will be many people unable to abide by this through netting and cat runs and instead will just make their cat an inside cat. Now this may be what the council wants, however you will find many cats will start to have behavioural issues which will then result in abandoned cats and those that become strays. Other council's especially inner city are not putting increase 24 hour curfews and instead encouraging good ownership and at least enforcing their current rules. My cat since moving to Frankston had to start medication for anxiety as he was confronted through glass at night by feral cats, quite scary! I don't see any action happening then, but apparently my cat will no longer be able to go to my elderly neighbour's home, who is gaining lots of benefits having him especially during ISO. Please rethink the cat plan, I am worried that people will struggle and cats will suffer unnecessarily, if there is no choice bring it in over time or zoned i.e. for those houses backing onto reserves but different for others Most sad that this council have become cat haters, we moved to this area due to the balanced animal management plan, for it to only be changed to something very unrealistic	Yes
		I am against the proposed new changes	No
		The proposed changes around allowing dogs in City Centre and part of the foreshore to allow dogs to roam free are amazing! We often skip going to Frankston beaches all together and travel to Mt Martha so we can bring our dog.	No
		Yes to proposed changes	No
		Would be great to have a leash free area for dogs - we often venture to Edithvale beach which is leash free till 10 am - their location also gives access to food and coffee - works well - never seen a problem there	No
		I am very concerned regarding the proposed rule change to the free roam beach change. How are the council going to police the area, to make sure this only happens in the restricted area? Have the council considered who is liable for any dog related injuries which take place in this designated area, either human or canine? What studies have been carried out in regards to the increased pollution of water by owners not picking up after their dogs? Water does not stay in one place but by very nature is fluid and through tidal movement will carry faecal matter along the beach. Without very strict controls this is a recipe for litigation and at the very least a rapid deterioration of Frankston beaches.	No
		I grew up with two dogs of my own and always followed stated rules regarding leash etc. Therefore it would be fine if ALL dog owners complied. Unfortunately there's a small majority that already flout the existing rules at the beach and other parks in Frankston. For example I've seen dogs off leash running up to kids in Ballam Park near the preschool (out of the off leash area) on multiple occasions (often with the owner's making no attempt to restrain them). So if you've budgeted for compliance officers it could be feasible. Otherwise you are wilfully compromising what should be a relaxing experience for residents and other beach visitors.	No
		I wholeheartedly agree with all proposed changes and would like to suggest that the stretch of beach between Frankston and Seaford would be an excellent place for an off-leash area for dogs as it is often the quietest area of beach no matter the weather. Can I also recommend that bins also be placed in easy to access locations in the off-leash area? As	No

		although I am a responsible pet owner and always pick up after my dog, sadly there are those that will not without readily accessible bins. I am excited the Frankston council will now join the others around the bay in being more dog friendly. Thanks!	
		I whole heartedly agree with the changes relating to dogs. As a dog owner, the times they're allowed off leash in summer make it very difficult. Our dog loves to swim to cool down and soothe her skin condition. This requires being off leash, but with work we struggle to get to the beach late in the evening. There is nowhere near here we can take her to swim during summer, and a small section which allows that would be a godsend. The dogs and owners we've encountered in the local area have always been well behaved, however I would suggest adding a dog waste bin as that can be an issue. Thank you	No
		I disagree with the cat being confined 24/7. That's just cruel. Also dogs as long as they are restrained should be able to be walked at the beach at any time. Otherwise I would like to see a restrictions on children roaming free at the beach too.	No
		I would like to see a year round dog beach in City of Frankston.	No
		Hello, it will be a great benefit to the community to make these amendments to the animal management plan. I have 2 dogs that are water dogs by nature and would love to be able to walk to the beach and be able to have a free roam area for them. It would bring more people to the area to support local business as well. Most of the foreshore vegetation is fenced off from humans so there would be minimal impact on that vegetation by our canine companions and in my experience, walkers are along the water's edge rather than in the vegetation. I sincerely hope the amendments are passed as in the 2 years I've lived in Seaford the only thing I would change about the area is having a free roam section on the foreshore. Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion, I am looking forward to hearing the outcome.	Yes
		Thank you Council for the opportunity to respond to proposed changes to Animal Management Council Orders. I am an owner of a now elderly cat and I've always kept him in from sunset-overnight anyway, but I fully support a 24 curfew, especially for the protection of our native wildlife. We have been bothered over the last 7 years of residency here by the same B&W cat (unbeknownst from where) trespassing on our property and distressing our cat. I am strongly opposed to the idea of dogs being allowed into the Frankston CBD area, as I've very much enjoyed the amenity of the area without this nuisance as I find they are a hazard on footpaths and usually personally intrusive. People with disabilities, Spectrum disorders and especially High Sensitivity Sensory Processing find navigating footpaths and other areas where dogs are present very stressful. I also foresee fouling of the footpaths and this is certainly a pollutant, potentially damaging to our flora, fauna and waterways. Likewise for similar reasons I am opposed to any easing of restrictions at the beach foreshore as there are plenty of park off leash areas already. I've found that restricted times are not observed, dogs are off leash already and do disturb people at the beach and the boardwalk and surrounding path access areas are regularly fouled so I think it would be an unnecessary and offensive environmental hazard. Why must everyone else be forced to avoid or tolerate these animals in public?	No
		Street cafes are losing business by not being allowed to welcome patrons with dogs on leads. I have been (as a dog owner) to certain street cafes & spoken to the managers, customers and/or witnessed people with dogs at these cafes at tables on the footpaths. The overwhelming opinion expressed to me is that people want to be able to bring their dogs on lead to a cafe in the Frankston CBD. The cafes also don't want to pass up this large portion of potential business. Of course dogs should be kept on lead, under control & owners should clean up after their dogs. It would be up to cafes if they provide a water bowl for patrons with dogs. As a dog owner I have always taken my own water bowl & water whenever I've gone anywhere with my dogs. If Frankston City Council are unsure how dogs in the CBD might work, then I suggest they have a look at how Kingston Council manage this issue. Street cafes in suburbs like Chelsea generate a lot of business from dog owners. Some cafes go as far as offering menus/treats for patrons interested in buying something for their dog/s. Frankston needs a Dog Cafe like the one operating in Boronia: thedoggiecafe.com.au A designated area of the Frankston foreshore being made available for dogs would be welcomed by most dog owners. The area would need clear signage & green bins (poop bins). The 24hr cat curfew is LONG overdue. Way too many cats are wandering day & night. Many of these cats are not microchipped, registered or desexed. I don't own a cat but on numerous occasions I've had other neighbours cats use my dog door & enter my house (day & night). One of my former neighbour's cats decided for a period of time that my backyard was its home. I didn't approve or appreciate this arrangement. A large number of Cats in the area where I live are rarely kept inside after dusk. This creates a long list of problems. One of the worst things is finding cats hit by cars that are dead on the side of the road.	Yes
		I believe the cat curfew should remain as it is keeping cats inside between dusk and dawn. Having a 24/7 curfew is an absurd suggestion. And apart from being an eyesore, a cat enclosure is very costly for all owners to install. Most cats don't venture far from their properties anyway.	No
		I understand why the council have a problem with cats roaming around at all times and I think the dawn to dusk curfew is a good idea, But to have to keep a cat in 24/7 especially a mature cat that's been used to going out through the Day it's whole life is quite cruel. Also cat enclosures are fairly expensive and not always affordable or feasible for everyone. How would these people who are proposing this law like to be shut away with their freedom taken away from them through no fault of their own? It's no life for a Cat being stuck in a home 24/7 they were not breed to live their lives that way and I feel it's a very unfair rule! You will prob end up with more cats in your shelters because people won't be able to Adhere to this curfew for their cats, and the only answer would be to put them to sleep as re homing would become even more of a problem. I hope that weighs Heavily on their Conscience because I wouldn't want it on mine.	No
		Council Meeting Monday 23rd August 2021 are the proposed changes to Council Orders on Animal Management, specifically the proposal for a 24/7 cat curfew. This submission is made as a representative for volunteer Garden Guides working for Council's Gardens for Wildlife program. I am also sharing data and experiences gained as a local, licensed Wildlife Shelter and wildlife rescuer. Gardens for Wildlife Guides very strongly support the proposal for a 24hr cat curfew. Local native wildlife, including marsupials, birds and reptiles, are unique and special and they evolved in an environment that did not include cats and dogs. There is overwhelming scientific evidence of the damage and threat cats pose to the environment and the devastation they cause to wildlife. â€¢ The Aust. Govt. Dept. of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population & Communities list cat predation as a key threatening process. In Victoria the Department Environment Land Water and Planning says even well fed and cared for cats and dogs instinctively hunt and chase. While the dusk to dawn curfew is a good start it is difficult to enforce, leaves many wildlife species vulnerable to predation and does not protect the environment or community from the deadly toxoplasmosis disease. Keeping cats confined at night only reduces the impact they have on nocturnal wildlife. Many animals, such as lizards and	Yes

		<p>birds, are active during the day, sleeping nocturnal wildlife are at risk. Confining cats 24 hours will protect vulnerable wildlife from pain, suffering and death. When we do our visits and assessments as Garden Guides, residents often raise that they have problems with neighbouring cats visiting their properties. Specific problems home owners have raised with guides are; cats defecating and digging in their gardens, cats fighting, finding wildlife injured and killed by cats, and they find it difficult and are uncomfortable to raise the problem with their neighbours. We submit that without the strong protection of a 24hour curfew our volunteer work, and Council's support and facilitation of the Program, are compromised. Our concern is that by increasing the wildlife visiting participating resident's gardens we may simply be providing and increasing targets for roaming cats. As garden guides we see first-hand the wonderful opportunity to support wildlife and biodiversity Council's Gardens for Wildlife program provides. This program, and our work as volunteer guides, is negated by allowing free ranging cats the opportunity to hunt and defecate in participants gardens. We strongly support the proposal for a 24hr cat curfew as it will resolve the issues of neighbour's cats entering properties and keep wildlife safe from cat attack and many diseases. As a local, licensed wildlife shelter I take in orphaned and injured wildlife from the Frankston region. In the 2019/20 period 11% of the 396 admissions to my shelter were due to cat attack. Veterinarian staff tell me that most cat attack victims don't even leave their clinics due to the severity of the injuries suffered. Our native animals are simply no match for roaming carnivorous cats and unrestrained dogs. These attacks on wildlife are cruel, wildlife is unnecessarily killed, orphaned and horribly injured. Injuries included broken limbs, bruising and abrasions, and shock. Necropsies show cat attacked animals suffer massive internal haemorrhaging, soft tissue damage and punctured vital organs. Despite veterinarian intervention 72% died because of the injuries inflicted. Extrapolated these statistics indicate immeasurable numbers of local wildlife are being killed, orphaned and maimed and we know that many cat attacked animals are simply never found or don't leave veterinarian clinics. Not just a huge problem, much of it could be easily prevented. While wildlife is protected from cruelty by legislation, without a 24hour cat curfew and confinement to indoors or cat a runs, they are not protected from the cruelty of cat attack and diseases. Cat faeces in our reserves and parks is an environmental and community health risk. Toxoplasmosis is carried by many cats and excreted through their faeces. It is dangerous to animals and to humans during pregnancy it is known to cause miscarriage and birth defects. Toxoplasmosis was introduced to Australia by cats and they continue to spread the disease. Toxoplasmosis needs a cat host to complete its life cycle. Cats also cause bacterial infections, salmonella, and parasitic infections such as roundworm and hookworm which can be transmitted to other animals or humans. Ringworm, a fungal infection is passed to animals and humans by cats and is difficult to eradicate. Cryptosporidium and giardia and viral infections are also transmitted by cats. The only way to keep these bacterial infections and disease out of the environment is with a 24hour cat curfew. The only way to keep protected wildlife safe from cat attack is the urgent introduction of a 24hour curfew with cats confined too indoors or secure a run. Summary A 24 hour cat curfew that includes cats being confined to indoors or cat runs is humane, ethical and will protect the environment, people, cats and wildlife. The decimation to wildlife populations by pet cats is a waste of life. Wildlife is protected under legislation, to allow cats to roam free when we know they kill them is arguably a crime, and Garden Guides believe it is unethical given that it is preventable. No cats will be harmed, in fact their lives will improve, the average lifespan of an outdoor cat is 2 to 5 years, and for an indoor cat it is 10 to 20 years. Under a 24hr cat curfew and confinement to indoors or cat runs thousands and thousands of wildlife lives will be saved and cats will have longer, healthier lives. A 24hour cat curfew will protect cats, the community and the environment from health risks. Wildlife populations will have one less hazard and a major cause of their declining numbers will be eliminated. We submit that thousands of precious local native wildlife lives need Frankston Council to introduce a 24hour cat curfew and confinement to indoors or cat runs. Janet Wheeler, Wildlife Shelter, rescuer and Garden Guide on behalf of Frankston's Gardens for Wildlife Guides</p>	
		<p>I would like to object to the changes that will require residents to keep cats confined to their properties 24 hours a day. I have 2 cats and they are kept in at night, although occasionally one of them manages to sneak out at night when one of my children isn't quick enough when opening the door, I have had cats my whole life and I have always kept them in at night for their own safety. However in terms of keeping my cats confined to my property this will be impossible, I am in a rental and unable to build enclosures to keep the cats in, my cat is such an escape artist he has also made cat flaps in the flyscreens of windows so that he can escape, making it near impossible for me to even open windows at night to let fresh air in. Trying to keep cats confined in a house 24/7 when they have previously been allowed the freedom of going outside during the day will be impossible. What are the options for renters who cannot make changes to properties nor can they afford to. Families with small children may find it hard as their children may accidentally let the cats out. These changes will be cruel to the cats that have been allowed the freedom to play outside and enjoy their lives. It will also add an additional burden to elderly and disabled people who will have to incur extra expenses in buying kitty litter they may not have had to buy before as well as trying to clean the tray several times a day. I am also worried about whether there will be an increase in rodents in the area if cats are no longer outside to hunt them, this is what nature is. Residents have moved into an area where pets are part of our lives, we moved here with our pets to live happy lives. To suddenly change to such a rule of keeping cats confined to property 24/7 is unfair and quite ridiculous. We pay registration fees for our cats, we should be entitled to let them have some freedom. I just hope if this change comes in it doesn't see the lives of many cats lost through owners feeling they have no choice but to put their much loved pet down. I urge you to please not go ahead with this change.</p>	No
		<p>I oppose the removal of restrictions on dogs in the CAA and the creation of a roam free area on the foreshore. Dogs create mess and many are aggressive. I would certainly avoid any areas that allowed dogs to roam free, or any food/retail space where dogs were present (especially food vendors). There are already more than enough places where people can walk or allow their dogs to roam free in the municipality. People don't need to take their dogs with them when they go to the shops or conduct other business in the CAA.</p>	No
		<p>The [REDACTED] strongly supports Council's plan to introduce a 24 hour curfew for domestic cats.</p> <p>This submission focuses on three aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roaming cats cause huge damage to our valuable and vulnerable wildlife. - Cats are protected from injury and disease when contained. - Restricting cats avoids annoyance and distress for other householders <p>Roaming Cats and wildlife</p>	No

		<p>Frankston has 55 natural reserves as well as many more open spaces/parks. Most of these are in urban areas where the six and a half thousand registered cats, and possibly the same number of unregistered cats, are able to roam. Cats are well known for their predatory behaviour and as such they have become the top predator along with foxes in the Frankston municipality. Domestic cats do not kill or maim only for food, hunting is an instinct and they travel much further than their owners realise.</p> <p>Amongst our member groups we have several wildlife carers who report the damaged wildlife which come into their care. Two local carers found that over one year they identified 13 different species including Sugar Gliders, Antechinus, Microbats which were brought to them as the result of cat attack. This does not show the numbers already dead or beyond saving, nor does it show the numbers of small birds, frogs, small lizards or insects which would have been demolished in one bite.</p> <p>Research by Australian Universities documented in "Cats in Australia: Companion and Killer" by Woinarski, Legge and Dickman (01/06/2019), states that the average pet cat kills 75 animals per year. It is a catastrophic problem for Australian wildlife. Cats are a host of the disease Toxoplasmosis which is another threat to our indigenous wildlife, which having not evolved with the disease have not developed immunity to it. Safety for Cats If cats are kept on their property injury to them is avoided from cat fights, dog or fox attack, becoming lost or stolen, and accident with motor vehicle or falls, thus saving the owner from much heartache and Veterinary fees. A quick Google of "cat fencing" shows numerous ways of retaining cats on a property, showing cheap ways to make the fence cat-proof, or to construct a simple outdoor play area for a cat. Perhaps Council could assist some owners not capable of constructing these types of constraints themselves, in association with groups such as Men's Sheds. Annoyance for Neighbours Domestic cats also invade private properties to kill and maim small mammals, birds and other wildlife; it is distressing to householders to have to deal with injured wildlife or to dispose of remains. Cats frequently visit neighbouring properties digging and defecating in garden beds with the possible spread of toxoplasmosis. Conclusion Although a 24 hour curfew for domestic cats will be a cultural change for some pet owners with more attention to their pet care initially required, the curfew will benefit our local and threatened wildlife species, as well as contribute positively to Frankston City's environmental future and support its Biodiversity Policy. ■■■■ urges Council to adopt the advertised proposal to introduce a 24 hour curfew for domestic cats for the preservation of our unique wildlife, to keep domestic cats safe and to avoid distress and disease for the general community.</p>	
■■■■	■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■ ■■■■	<p>The ■■■■ supports Frankston City Council's proposed Domestic Animal Management Plan with regard to a 24 hour curfew for domestic cats. ■■■■ has worked to protect and rehabilitate the bushland in Sweetwater Creek Nature Reserve in conjunction with Frankston Council for 47 years. We have a membership of some 100 local residents, regular volunteer working groups of approximately 20 and a Committee of 9. Sweetwater Creek Nature Reserve is a linear bushland reserve surrounded by urban housing. This accentuates the problem of domestic cats wandering and hunting in the reserve. We have abounding birdlife, (over 50 varieties have been identified) as well as a variety of small mammals and reptiles indigenous to the area. They are at risk from the number of cats living near the reserve. Considering Frankston Council is in the process of introducing a Biodiversity Policy it makes sense to assist biodiversity by removing the threat of cat predation in the municipality. Cats although wonderful companions have an instinct to hunt even when well fed. Research by Australian Universities documented in "Cats in Australia: Companion and Killer" by Woinarski, Legge and Dickman, states that the average pet cat kills 75 animals per year. It is a catastrophic problem for Australian wildlife. As a householder I have at least 6 different cats which regularly visit my property night and day, either stalking birds or digging in my vegetable garden. The dusk to dawn curfew doesn't work, as Council Officers are not patrolling at night. The solution is to have a 24 hour cat curfew. It is also safer for a pet cat to be contained on their property, avoiding fights and being hit by cars. I understand from wildlife carers that since Mornington Peninsula Shire introduced a 24 hour curfew there has been fewer wildlife in that area injured by cats. I have unanimous consent from our committee to advocate for a 24 hour cat curfew.</p>	No
■■	■■■■	<p><Written submission outside of engage Frankston, summary provided only and submitter wishes to present in person> I wish to make a submission into the proposal to impose lifetime lockdown on people's cats, prohibiting them from leaving their property. I oppose this proposal, for the reasons explained in this submission. I ask that you please consider the facts presented here as part of the assessment of whether to impose this on the community or not. I have worked with Australia's expert on cat and dog management, Emeritus Professor Jacquie Rand, the Chief Scientist of the Australian Pet Welfare Foundation. I am abreast of research from around the world, and in Australia, on effective cat management methods. At this stage of Frankston's evolution in cat management, a lifetime lockdown would seem to be very low on the priority list. I do not believe it will lead to the positive outcomes that some people may be anticipating. I urge the council not to proceed with this and, at the very least, fully assess the likely costs before proceeding further.</p> <p>I do not support this proposal because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The survey on which this has been proposed only sought input from 0.5% of residents - People have likely based their opinions on false information - It has not considered whether existing lifetime lockdowns in other councils have had any measurable benefit for ratepayers - It has failed to consider the costs involved of enforcing a lifetime lockdown, which will likely be considerable for the council and, therefore, ratepayers - It will be difficult to enforce, as other councils with lifetime lockdowns have found. They don't bother - Provisions already exist for people to address neighbours' cats who visit their property when they don't want them to - It will have no overall benefit for wildlife - It will require a 'time sharing' roster of local streets, so that cats can be safely walked on leads without the risk of attack by off-lead dogs - It will unfairly impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People who rent (27% of residents) - People who are financially disadvantaged - People with disability and mental health issues who are unable to walk their cat on a lead children - It will cause further stress and potentially family breakdown, at a time when residents need their companion animals more than ever, due to the many stressors of covid - It may put women's safety at risk 	Yes

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dogs were originally confined as they can attack and kill people. Cats don't do this. The 'dogs are confined; why shouldn't cats' argument is based on a false premise - Confining a cat is far more difficult and expensive than confining a dog - Cats who cannot adjust will be surrendered and, likely, killed - It will cause additional mental health damage and trauma to shelter workers and local vets and increase their risk of suicide If lifetime lockdown is introduced, and I do hope it isn't, <p>I urge the council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Include grandfathering arrangements, where lifetime lockdown only applies to cats who are acquired after the lockdown is introduced - Specify that cats can be walked off their property on a lead - Implement a 'time-sharing' roster so that cats can be safely walked along local streets on a lead without fear of being attacked and killed by dogs - Provide cat- and dog-proof cat exercise parks in quiet and pleasant areas, away from dogs, traffic and people. They will need to be audited daily for gaps, or risk the council being sued - Provide financial assistance or no-interest loans for people to install cat enclosures or cat-proof fencing, so that families can stay together 	
		<p>Regarding the proposal to confine cats inside 24/7. I am a ratepayer and live in a small unit and own two outdoor 8 year old cats who have been allowed to go outside from dawn to dusk their entire lives. My cats do not roam the neighbourhood but bask in the sun of the share driveway and garden. They do not make any noise so do not disturb anyone, unlike my neighbour's whose have dogs that constantly bark. They do their business in my garden and bury it, unlike dogs who leave their deposits anywhere and everywhere. This is the only life my cats have ever known and will certainly change their personalities and cause anxiety if they are locked inside every day. They will likely need to be given sedatives, something I have never given to any of my pets. We have all lived through lockdowns and know the impact to our health and well-being of being forced to stay inside. I can explain why we have to stay inside to my children but a cat won't understand why the cat flap has suddenly been closed and there is a plastic box they are expected to use as a toilet. I can't even comprehend how I am supposed to keep them inside. Every time my front or back door opens they will try and escape. This will cause me anxiety and create a lot of stress in my home, especially if they escape. I have a tiny back yard that barely fits a table and chair let alone fit a cat cage/run, also would come at a cost I cannot afford. I will need to buy cat litter and plastic containers for them to do their business, which is more rubbish for my green bin that goes directly to landfill. Crystal litter doesn't breakdown in landfill. Have you considered this impact on the environment? The only floor space I have to put the litter boxes is in my kitchen or bedrooms. Would you like open toilets in either of these rooms, I certainly don't. Restricting cats to living solely inside is not the answer. It should be mandatory for cat owners to microchip and desex their pets and for them to wear a collar with a bell. The latter would prevent wildlife being attacked because they would hear the cat approaching.</p>	No
		<p>I agree that there should be dog free roam beaches. I am not a dog owner, but I think dogs deserve a free run on a beach. I also think that the 24/7 curfew for cats is too harsh. They should be allowed to go outside for at least an hour or two a day.</p>	No
		<p>I understand the council is considering implementing a 24 hour curfew for cats. I strongly oppose this. I detail my reasons why, below. Please consider this submission as part of the review into the curfew before making a decision. A Lack of consultation and small sample size Despite being a long-term Frankston resident, I only recently learnt about this. I understand that just 750 residents (0.52%) were consulted about this, of more than 143,300 who live in our council. This is not a statistically valid sample size on which to propose a change that will affect the lives of many both human and animals. Squeaky wheel syndrome People who dislike cats are extremely vocal in their opinions. They have no hesitation in telling someone who lives with and loves their cats that they "hate cats. It would be considered un-Australian for someone to say "I hate dogs or hate children, yet cat people experience these unsolicited anti-cat comments all the time. I would think that people seeking a 24 hour curfew likely represent loud and very squeaky wheels. I don't believe such a major decision as a 24 hour cat curfew should be implemented due to a lack of input and awareness of facts. Harm to people and cats Most people, including people who live with cats, are happy to adhere to a night time curfew. However, a 24 hour curfew is a significant change that will likely have a negative outcome on many residents and their cats. Health and behavioural issues likely For cats who are used to being able to lie in the sunshine, roll in grass and scratch trees, this will likely cause a lot of stress and may lead to health and behavioural issues. The stress and sensory deprivation is like permanently and suddenly locking a dog who is used to being walked twice a day inside a building. Some would argue that this is cruel for both dogs and cats. Indeed, the RSPCA has stated that: "A cat that has experienced living outdoors may become distressed if suddenly kept totally indoors. In these cases cat may begin to display behavioural problems due to the stress of confinement and their health and welfare may be compromised. A gradual reduction in the amount of time that the cat spends beyond the property will also allow them to adjust to [containment] to the owners property over time. Impact on children I am a primary school teacher. Many of my students and families are not financially well off. My school, located in Frankston is in the lowest 10th percentile as being one of the most disadvantaged schools in all of Victoria. We are located in an extremely low socio-economic area, where our data shows 90% of parents do not work and are heavily reliant on government assistance to survive. Their parents and guardians won't be able to afford cat enclosures. Landlords are very unlikely to pay for one. The only way many of them will be able to confine their cat to their property will be to have them inside only at all times. If their cat develops the foreseeable health and behavioural issues that the RSPCA acknowledges, my student families will likely have to make the very distressing decision to surrender their cat to the pound. Frankston's Domestic Animal Management Plan 2020-2024 indicates that more than 40% of cats who were impounded in 2019-2020 were killed. It will devastate my students, and other people who may be forced to surrender their cat, to know that their cat has a very high risk of being killed. Impact on renters According to the 2016 census, 26.5% of Frankston residents rent their property. Landlords are highly unlikely to pay for a cat enclosure. Residents who have financially suffered from COVID-19 won't be able to afford to pay for one themselves. Just like my students, people who rent and whose cats don't adjust to the sensory deprivation of being inside-only will be forced to surrender them. This will cause significant mental health damage to Frankston residents. Impact on people who have disabilities or who are socially isolated Cats are ideal companions for people who live in small dwellings and are unable to exercise dogs. Cats can go outside during the day to obtain the exercise and stimulation they need and come home by night time. If the</p>	Yes

		<p>cat of a person with a disability, including mental health issues, cannot adjust to being inside 24 hours a day, the person will likely surrender them. This will mean they lose a key form of social and emotional support. Indeed, their cat may be their principal support a person. People who are forced to surrender their cat are likely to need more support from local community services, increasing costs to the council. COVID-19 has already caused major stressors and financial impacts 2019-2021 has been a very stressful time for my students, due to the impacts of COVID-19. Their learning, socialisation opportunities and mental health have all suffered. I urge the council to have more compassion towards children and other people with cats. Now is not the time to cause more stress and costs by imposing a 24 hour curfew. Additional law to enforce Presently, Council has a number of other laws which I am aware aren't enforced. Principally: Picking up dog poo, Keeping dogs on a lead except in off-leash areas Cat desexing, microchipping, registering and wearing a council registration tag. I therefore query what the point is of introducing another law which won't be enforced or, if it is, will be very costly to residents. Case in point I support all dogs and cats being desexed but I have learnt that making it compulsory in law doesn't work. I have become aware that the reason most people don't desex their animals is for financial reasons. Compulsory desexing laws have been found not to work. Making a law that people can't comply with due to lack of money doesn't increase compliance. It just drives people underground. A case in point is the fact that, despite compulsory desexing laws, Frankston still has much higher cat impound and euthanasia rates than many Melbourne councils that don't have compulsory desexing laws. What does work, however, is providing free cat desexing in disadvantaged areas. For this reason some Victorian councils are now running free desexing programs, and saving hundreds of thousands of dollars. Cats kill wildlife I am aware that people who are anti-cat often allege that cats in cities and towns are "decimating wildlife population. This belief seems to come from the federal government's war on cats, which is targeting feral cats (cats who live independently of people, in the bush and desert areas). It is very regrettable that the government and media have failed to explain that the estimates are hypothetical only, the estimates apply to feral cats, not pet and stray cats in cities and towns, scientists have found that pet and stray cats in urban areas have no overall impact on wildlife at all, mainly kill and introduced species (e.g. mice, rats, sparrows, Common Mynas) and common species, mainly kill animals who were unhealthy and would have died from other causes, don't increase the number of animals who would have died. The "cats kill wildlife argument is false. If that is the reason Frankston is suggesting a 24 hour cat curfew, it is based on false information. There will be no overall benefits to wildlife from a 24 hour curfew. In fact, wildlife may be worse off as there are likely to be more mice and rats, who most people will kill using baits. These baits can not only kill dogs, they also kill wildlife who eat the poisoned mice and rats. Wildlife Victoria has pleaded with people not to use baits, because of the wildlife it kills. Before imposing 24 hour curfew I believe the concept of imposing a 24 hour curfew is likely to be based on misunderstandings amongst residents. Before imposing a curfew, I ask that the council conducts a cost benefit analysis, shares how much a 24 hour curfew will cost residents with the community asks the community which services they would like to be reduced to fund a 24 hour curfew, encourages residents to talk to neighbours whose cats come to their property, educates residents that they can already borrow traps from the council and trap cats who are coming to their property, educates residents that cats do not impact wildlife in urban areas, conducts a statistically-valid survey of a representative sample of the population which asks residents if they support/oppose a 24 hour curfew once they know that, there are significant costs to ratepayers, services in other areas will need to be slashed to pay for the 24 hour curfew, there will be no overall benefit to wildlife, they can already borrow traps to trap visiting cats. Independent scientists (who aren't cat haters) will need to be consulted in the survey design and selection of participants. Exclude existing cats Only if the feedback from this scientifically-sound survey is that residents still want a 24 hour curfew, after being fully informed of all the issues and costs associated with it, the only humane way of doing this is to exclude existing cats from the 24 hour curfew. That is, cats who are already registered with the council by the date the curfew comes into effect can retain their existing lifestyle and go outside during the day If the council fails to do this pound costs will increase further than they are going to families, including my students, will be forced to surrender cats who cannot adjust to the lack of stimulation in their life, people, especially those who are socially isolated, will lose a major emotional support, peoples mental and physical health will suffer, health costs to local community services will increase. In the meantime, I urge the council not to impose a 24 hour cat curfew on the residents of Frankston, especially not now when COVID-19 has had such a heavy toll on people, including the children who I teach.</p>	
		<p>As a cat owner I am very disappointed that I have to discover this plan via Facebook. The process does not feel very consultative at all. Had we known this was on the cards we might have thought twice about getting another cat last year? I think the current system needs to be fixed first, after having our cat caught by a cat trap earlier this year we only discovered by chance that had been caught by a Neighbour who objected to cats in their yard. This is something the pound or Ranger should have told us, to give us a chance to do something to prevent this from happening again. I understand why a policy like this is being brought in, my main objection is about the way we've been consulted we haven't) and I ask that it be a very slow implementation. Especially given the current pandemic making life in general a lot tougher than it usually is without the additional expense and complications of having to make such a major change to how we look after our pet cat.</p>	No

		<p>In summary, we do not support this, for a number of reasons. It is unlikely to achieve positive benefits for the council or Frankston residents, especially in light of the high number of stray cats who live in Frankston. In fact, a 24 hour curfew is likely to cause, a considerable and ongoing cost burden on the council and ratepayers, fewer funds for other services a delay in Frankston implementing proven and effective methods that will achieve long term benefits for the council in terms of cat management, which a 24 hour curfew will not. [REDACTED] Cat Rescue is an all-breed cat rescue organisation run entirely by volunteers. We are a registered charitable animal welfare organisation with Deductible Gift Recipient status. The Maneki Neko is a Japanese symbol of success, prosperity, good health and happiness. [REDACTED] Cat Rescue is specifically focused on working collaboratively with the Victorian community, Victorian councils and pounds, community groups and businesses to improve the welfare of cats, kittens and people. Foreseeable outcomes of 24 hour curfew We monitor scientific research related to cat and dog management, attend conferences and stay abreast of best-practice cat management methods.</p> <p>Based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - existing research - the experience of other Victorian councils that have a 24 hour cat curfew <p>A 24 hour cat curfew in Frankston will likely lead to the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased council costs - Significant increase in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - resident calls to council requesting traps - council staff time spent organising traps - council staff time spent taking trapped cats to your pound provider - pound costs, due to increase in number of cats who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - impounded, through trapping, and - surrendered, as they develop health and/or behavioural issues due to the sudden introduction of an inside-only life - Inability to recover most costs, as many people won't be able to afford to pay the release fees. They will more likely obtain an un-desexed free to good home kitten, who they will not desex, microchip or register. This will increase the stray cat population and further increase the number of cats impounded - Expectation of council staff to enforce the curfew, at a time when it is struggling to enforce existing laws - Significant increase in council staff time spent locating cat owners who don't comply with the curfew <p>Worse Council performance and reputation in animal management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cat impound rates will increase - Frankston's cat killing rate is already much higher than most Melbourne councils - The Victorian government is increasing transparency of pound killing, which will include regular publication of each council's kill stats - Frankston residents will, rightly, expect Frankston to improve its practices and reduce killing <p>Impact on residents quality of life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distress of watching their previously happy cat develop health and behavioural issues, such as spraying, toileting inappropriately inside, expensive urinary blockages, constant miaowing, scratching surfaces and door dashing - Inability to install cat enclosures due to lack of finances - For the 27% of Frankston residents who rent, inability to install cat enclosures as landlords won't fund - Increase in surrender of valued feline family members, as they can't cope with the sudden lack of stimulation and lack of exercise associated with being inside-only - Breakdown of families - Adverse health benefits, as cat companionship is known to improve the health of people - No measurable benefit to wildlife - No overall reduction in number of wildlife predated upon (scientists have found that cats in urban and semi urban areas, including reserves, do not impact wildlife populations overall. The chief predictor of wildlife populations is the amount of habitat available to them and the level of urbanisation. Urbanisation in Frankston continues to increase and wildlife habitat decrease - More mice and rats - More predation of nests by mice and rats (cats provide a protective factor against nest predation) - More use of rat bait and exterminators - More secondary poisoning of wildlife, such as owls, kookaburras, tawny frogmouths and reptiles, due to residents use of rat bait - A cycle of more mice and rats, more use of rat bait due to reduction in numbers of rodent-eating wildlife after being poisoned by the bait, more mice and rats, more rat bait, more wildlife deaths etc 	No
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		<p>Increase in stray cats numbers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some people may abandon their cats to the streets, to give them a chance rather than taking them to the pound - This will increase stray cat numbers - If residents trap stray cats, they are likely to only be able to trap some of the stray cats, leaving others to remain and continue breeding. Breeding and survival rates will increase due to reduced competition for resources. More cats will move into vacated territory) - The only outcome will be increasing council costs and kill stats. <p>Alternative recommendations that are evidence-based</p> <p>Based on research on effective management of urban cats, we recommend that council implements the following alternative initiatives, which will achieve positive outcomes for Council and residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow the lead of other councils and provide free cat desexing in areas of high intake. This correlates with financial and social disadvantage. Based on the experience of other councils, this will save the council hundreds of thousands of dollars. In contrast, a 24 hour curfew will cost the council hundreds of thousands of dollars - Encourage residents to talk to each other if frustrated by a neighbours visiting cat as they would for any frustrations with a neighbours barking dog - For residents who are concerned about neighbours cats, remind them that they can already request a humane trap from the council and trap the cat in accordance with council requirements - Educate residents that peoples own cats and stray cats aren't affecting wildlife - Encourage residents not to use rat bait - Conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the costs associated with imposing a 24 hour cat curfew. Based on research presented at conferences, we believe that a 24 hour curfew will likely have many unforeseen costs and will achieve nothing more than is already permitted under existing laws - Do not rely on a survey of just 750 of 140,000 residents to make such a major change - If a 24 hour curfew is introduced, ensure that cats who are already registered are excluded from the 24 hour curfew. This will reduce health and behavioural issues, resultant breakdown of families and impound costs. 	
		I agree there needs to be an off leash area for the dogs at the beach. There is also a desperate need for poo bins along the new bike/walking track from Station St to Armstrongs road. One at each end and one in the middle.	No
		I support the idea of the new rules for cats if the decision is about making them safe, however as many people have pointed out, I don't think people should have to pay registration fees, and it should be more clear if they are able to be outside in a person's yard or not. I don't think dogs should be allowed on the beach during the summer months as they will bother beach goers but more importantly, people hanging out at the beach with their dogs at the height of summer has the potential to be very harmful for those animals without access to water and shade.	No
		I agree with the amendments for dogs. There should be a section of the foreshore which is fenced off where dogs can go all year. Dogs should be allowed in the city centre.	No
		An off the leash area would be great on the beach. More patrols in Summer re dogs especially on hot days when there are small children on the beach and especially around access areas e.g. Seaford Rd, Seaford pier, McCulloch street. Still many people who walk their dogs and don't pick up their poo. Bigger fines and a blitz especially early morning and night (hard I know, tricky buggers) - people do it when no one's around (why are they always big dogs?!). Thanks	No
		I support all three items under the proposed animal management orders. The free roam area should be located in Seaford.	No
		I would like to support the 2 changes relating to bylaws on dogs. I would like to strongly support the change to make a 24/7 curfew on cats being contained on the owner's property. While I am not a cat owner, nor have problems with neighbourhood cats entering our property at this time, I have grave concerns about the unacceptable impact of unrestrained cats on the wildlife in our city, which drastically decreases bird and small mammal's numbers. I do however have the benefit of many kinds of birds visiting our garden daily for a safe and supportive habitat. All domesticated animals should be under the watch and care of the people who purchased them for their own safety, as well as to assure they do not cause harm to other creatures or people. Our biodiversity has many threats to its health and survival and one crucial way we can help preserve and improve this important environmental asset is to impose this new curfew on cats. Although some people may oppose this, the major obstacle to gaining total community support for containing cats is the lack of understanding people have about the damage done to wildlife by roaming cats and also their lack of education about the importance of maintaining and protecting our natural environment and biodiversity. I say this as someone who was also not sufficiently aware of these issues and problems until recent years. Council needs to take the lead and bring the community with them in environmental matters.	No
		I think it is ridiculous that dogs will be allowed to roam free on the foreshore, I go on the beach to lounge not to step or sit in dog shit. Owners are not the most responsible and many will abuse this order especially since enforcement is poor	No
		Strongly support these changes to support a more liveable and vibrant Frankston community. It is embarrassing we don't have an off leash beach despite being a beachside council. Also with all the cafes/bars etc in Frankston popping up it will only be better to allow dogs to join their owners. Sensible changes to move us to being a more progressive council without silly bylaws.	No

		For all dog owners I think it is a great idea to have areas on the Beach during Summer where these dog owners can take their dog for a leisurely swim. Areas that should be prohibited would be areas of approx. 300 metres each side of piers and popular areas.	No
		I fully support the amended changes to the existing laws. Can extra dog bag bins, the green ones seen at dog parks and the like, be installed at locations where the dogs can roam free on the beach? Perhaps even some in the CCA. Thanks for making the CCA and beach areas more inclusive for dog owners, particularly those of service dogs.	No
		I am incredibly supportive of all three proposed initiatives including: 1) Keeping cats indoors (to protect local wildlife, and likewise protect them from potential predators such as foxes) 2) Establishing a free roam area on the foreshore 3) Allowing responsible owners to bring dogs into the CAA. Further to the statement of my support, I would also like to suggest that two free roam areas be established - at Seaford and Frankston beaches - to support the local communities as well as provide additional spaces that are attractive for tourism purposes. Other bayside councils have established free roam areas on the foreshore and access to urban spaces which attracts a significant amount of people from all over VIC, providing great benefit for the local economy. It would be a loss for Frankston Council if our local area continued to forgo successful initiatives such as free roam spaces and access to urban areas for responsible pet owners.	No
		I support all proposed changes	No
		I believe the changes to dogs being allowed in the CBD is wrong. There WILL be dog poo everywhere. Some dog owners are responsible but the majority are not. There is already dog poo all over streets while I go for walks. I definitely agree there should be a designated area for dogs to roam free at the beach, this should be fenced to ensure they do not roam to where they should be leashed. I was at the beach on the weekend and not one person had their dog on a leash. I have a 2 year old and I was constantly picking her up to avoid dogs running up to her. The cat indoor curfew is ridiculous, I would assume if that goes ahead no cat owner will have to register and pay for cat fees as the cat does not go outside. A lot of older cats will find it difficult to just stay inside, you can't tell a cat no. They will sneak out whenever they can. I have lived in Frankston for about 7 years and the current rules for pets have been fine. I enjoy walking around Frankston CBD not having to worry about walking on dog poo or being harassed by barking dogs.	No
		I am a dog owner and would love for there to be a designated roam free area for dogs. It means that that it is easy for those who do not want the presence of dogs can easily move to a different section of the beach whilst the dogs enjoy the beautiful space that Seaford beach has for them	No
		Please allow for leash free areas for dogs on beaches, no matter what the time of year.	No
		I agree with all proposed changes!	Yes
		I totally agree that cats should be confined to properties 24 hours a day. I am seeing more cats in my area stalking birdlife. Leash free area on beach is a good idea but ample bins would certainly need providing. Not sure about dogs in CBD. Owners would need to be responsible. During lockdown I am seeing evidence that more owners are not doing the correct thing in picking up dog droppings. I say this as a responsible dog owner.	No
		Our old boy would not cope with 24 hour locked inside. It's not fair on the animals. Please keep the times as they are. We would have one stressed out boy/cat if things changed	No
		My 13 year old cat would not cope locking him indoors 24 hours a day. It would distress him too much. & lead to anxiety problems. Please keep times as they are.	No
		In 2019 my dog was being walked by myself on a lead and was killed by a registered American staffy. It transpired that the owner had an excess animal permit. At the time the owner was allowed 3 dogs. Originally different dogs had been put on the permit and one had died, she had then acquired the American staffy (post the death of one of the original 3 dogs) on the original issued permit. It was never reviewed by the council. The permit was never revoked when one of the original dogs had died. The American staffy was vicious and could have killed me, or anybody in the vicinity; including a small child. It was a tragedy waiting to happen. I hope excess animal permits are reviewed and reissued annually to avoid situations such as these.	No
		I feel it is totally unacceptable that anyone with cats has to lock them up 24 /7 people do much more damage to our environment than animals , as for dogs , owners should be held accountable for leaving dog poo anywhere. Stop punishing people's pets for their owners bad behaviour and start enforcing monetary fines, animals deserve their freedom as do we.	No
		I agree with all changes proposed, cats to remain within property 24 hours, dogs to have a designated area of the beach for off lead, however I do think other parts should have mandatory on lead areas and these be checked occasionally. You still see a lot of dogs off lead on Frankston beaches and they continue to come up to children. And, yes Frankston city should have the same rules as the rest of Frankston for dogs being permitted.	No
		I don't agree that cats should be locked up 24 hours a day on owner's property. But do agree they should be kept in at night. I don't agree that there should be a designated roam free area for dogs at our beloved Frankston beach. Already in winter I have had several dogs run up and jump at my kids. One who has been attacked and is very scared of them. As it stands of yesterday most owners didn't have their dogs on leads. You will ruin the beach and the Freedom for some people to feel safe. There are enough dog parks around you don't need to add a beach to it.	No
		I think the new laws sound great. However I still believe having cats inside 24 hours a day is unrealistic but the night time curfew should stand.	No

		Many dog owners do not currently keep their dogs on a leash on residential streets, beaches and main roads. Very frightening for our small children and dog. We actually don't take our dog out much anymore due to the numerous 'near misses' and frightening situations we have come across when out walking our dog. It's very upsetting. We also come across people with dogs on leads but dog is clearly not under control, frightening children and adults. These dogs are often on long leads and pulling lunging towards us. My mother uses a Seeing Eye Dog and these situations are extremely dangerous for both her and her dog. Increased compliance and consistent enforcement of current rules would be great before introducing new rules.	No
		I live between the Kananook Creek and foreshore. I support the confining of cats to their owners property. Two cats come onto my property regularly from a nearby property. The issue is their preying on wildlife. This is a real issue with these cats also having free range in the Kananook reserve which adjoins where they live. Stricter controls on cats in close proximity to nature reserves (150 metres?) would be a good thing, if council doesn't want to have a municipal wide policy restricting them to an owner's property. Mandatory bells would be a good idea on cat's collars if possible. They not only kill birds but also lizards and frogs. My place has habitat for both. It would be great for our backyards, where possible, could be sanctuaries for such species. Sweet water creek, the foreshore, wetlands and other sensitive areas need protecting from cats. There is a feral cat problem already. Have seen them around Oliver's Hill by the sea. Support the proposed changes re dogs in CBD but find free zones on the foreshore problematic. Dangerous breeds are allowed too much latitude. Muzzles on dangerous breeds should be a requirement. On tracks, such dogs can suddenly appear and startle and be startled. This is when they are particularly dangerous. On the beach, their approach can be seen and space given. This is not an option on tracks. They pose a considerable danger to the public and also smaller dogs.	No
		The beach should be a dog friendly, leash free zone area all year round. Much of the Frankston community who own dogs use that beach respectfully and responsibly. By all means, fines should be in place for those that don't pick up after their dogs and the rare incidents of conflict or unsociable behaviour between dogs. I walk that beach with my dog every day, I've never had an incident with another dog and I see more discarded food and drink containers than dog poo left on the beach. It would be better for all to put council resources into cleaning the beach and enforcing littering laws than worrying about dogs having a good time.	No
		I totally support the three changes as outlined & congratulations to all concerned that have successfully contributed to these changes.	No
		I am a proud and active member of the Frankston community for +20 years and a young professional working with local children in Kindergartens. I've observed the many gradual changes made to the CBD and feel that the agenda currently proposed will be a positive change, having direct impact in supporting families and inviting prospective families to Frankston. Personally, I have always owned a dog and have been disappointed that I could not share our beautiful foreshore with them all year round. I lived in an apartment complex on Playne st for some time yet could not step foot outside onto the pavement with my pet as I'd be breaking city council laws. I obviously found this frustrating and was instructed to carry my dog when stepping out onto pavement. It's my belief that the proposed amendments are more than reasonable, in fact this will allow community members to celebrate Frankston to a fuller extent and give more reason to brag about what is on offer here - and there's a lot! I love to see people out walking their dogs within the CBD and an unrestricted area somewhere less utilised by families, perhaps from Gould st tennis court towards Kananook creek.	No
		Completely disagree with Roam free area on foreshore - current policy works well, if it isn't broke don't fix it scenario and creating one small spot for dogs to roam free will be dangerous for small dogs as it will impossible to control larger dogs. Current policy allows dogs of all sizes to enjoy the beach safely.	No
		I fully support all changes which are being proposed. I think dogs in the CBD would encourage people to walk their dogs and have a coffee outside creating a nice vibe. Getting people out of the main indoor shopping centre should be encouraged. The external businesses need more support. These changes may support this.	No
		I agree cats should not be able to roam at all off owner's property. We have had issues with cat's pooing on our front lawn and in Banyan reserve. I have also had a cat come into our backyard and had to hold my dog back from trying to attack it. I do not agree with dog areas on the beach. I feel the current summer restrictions are sufficient.	No
		Agree with the idea for an off leash area for dogs on Frankston council beach. I drive to other council beaches just so my dog can run free, this would save not just myself but others from doing the same thing. Also with lockdown restrictions I cannot visit other beaches and my dog and my family is missing out and would love the exercise and freedom to swim together.	No
		This is a great initiative that will allow local residence to enjoy the beaches and Frankston with our dogs. I love going for walks along the beach and always feel it's unfair when my dog cannot accompany me on walks on the beach in the summer due to the restricted dog times.	No
		The FCC needs to have more bins installed wherever dogs are allowed. With all the great improvements done at Ballam Park being undone by removing bins and not enforcing footy spectators to take their rubbish home or use the few bins remaining. If these changes are approved then there will be doggy doo bags left in the planter pots in the CAA and on the pathways giving access to the free roaming areas on beaches. I am a dog owner and I pick up on average 6 doggy doos from other dogs when we walk our dog at Ballam Park. Some in bags just left on ground because there is no bin close by.	No
		Having an older cat that is used to being outside under our bushes and our neighbours in the front yard would be very hard on him having him locked inside. Unless you have a built cat run it is difficult to keep him just in my yard and my neighbours do not mind at all. Definitely a no for off leash area on beach. Unless it is somehow fenced The dog owners already don't pick up the mess that their dogs make on the boardwalk how on earth will they manage picking it up on the sand? Not all dogs or people like to be approached by dogs off leads it is quite intimidating. Again taking dogs into the Frankston CBD well to be honest once Karingal is opened I want be coming into Frankston so doesn't bother me.	No
		I would love to see an off leash area on the beach, I bring my dog to work every day for company and we often go down to the beach for a walk, and we support the local traders Even though I live in Beaumaris, my factory is in Seaford and I do all my shopping locally in Frankston and walk in the off leash dog park off Brunel Road.	No

		I don't think we should restrict cats to their property 24/7, I also think this is an unmanageable request. A roam free section on the beach is a great idea and dogs should be allowed to be walked on a leash anywhere.	No
		The new proposal for animal management seems fair and I am very much in favour. Cats especially need to be kept away from our vulnerable natives. Estates such as Pindara in Langwarrin were originally not meant to have cats at all and yet people do. I just wonder how strictly council will be enforcing these rules and what's to stop people doing the wrong thing? Wild cats not contained be captured and put down or simply given back to their owners with a fee? Could council work towards a total cat ban in future?	No
		I think it's appalling that cats won't be allowed outside. I think that needs to be stopped	No
		Serious dog attacks need to be handled so much better then they currently are. My son was mauled in our front yard by an unregistered dog. The complaint was not logged despite calling up the night of the incident and logging with the council. The dog was then released back with no consequences other than a small fine for the owner. We were assured the dog would be destroyed or at the very least on a dangerous dogs list. The follow up from the council with my family has been non-existent. My son suffers night terrors and fear going out the front of our house because of this. No one at the council has followed up my requests for more information on our situation and what is happening with the dog. I would not wish this on anyone, the whole process has been horrific. In saying this the Frankston council are well and truly out of their depth with matters of this magnitude. I believe attacks on children from dogs should be a police matter.	No
		I would like to begin by showing my support for a 24 hour curfew for cats. I have had brush tail possums killed on my property by cats, with one of them having a baby in its pouch. I do not agree that cats should be able to wander at large at any time and it doesn't take much effort to keep them inside. I agree, in principle, with a designated dog beach area, however, I am concerned about unrestrained dogs unable to be controlled by owners. People need to be educated that leash free does not mean control free. I had a very anxious dog that I knew could not be let off leash anywhere so I walked him in parks on a leash at all times. The issue was that people would allow their unrestrained dogs to run up to him and of course, he responded with aggression. I was often abused by the owners for this when I had already asked them to call their dogs back. It was very clear, however, they did not have the ability to do this. I agree that dogs should be allowed in the CAA, as long as they are on a leash and people pick up after them. It would be ideal if there were plenty of bins and bags on corners for people to use.	Yes
		Please increase council presence on beaches and walking tracks no matter what is decided. There are lots of irresponsible dog owners allowing their dogs off leash, sometimes with no owner nearby - however I'm yet to see anyone getting a fine yet. The ones on leash also are present every day at the beach in the summer, often peeing and pooping in the sand. As someone allergic to dogs and with two little kids who play in the sand, I don't feel safe - or comfortable, I'm too nervous to even use a kid's wagon as it's so low. Dogs' needs shouldn't be above people's needs, no matter what their owners believe they are entitled too. If it's a roam free area it should be far away from popular family spots like Seaford pier or McMahon Avenue.	No
		I think adding an off lead section of the beach is a wonderful idea. We don't have a dog but I see so much conversation on people and having their dogs off lead on the social media forums. We go to the beach every day and we love seeing the dogs running off lead and having fun and think it would be good to formalize this as most of the people using the beach especially not in the middle of summer is dog owners.	No
		As a dog owner I don't agree with the new dog changes. The CBD ban rescind will take customers from smaller, side street cafes and add nothing except hostility towards anti-social dogs and owners. There are off-leash areas in Seaford and Mt Eliza already, and the majority of dogs will be driven to Frankston beach, to leave seawater diarrhoea and kick up sand, while scaring kids and popping beach balls. There's no benefit aside from appeasing some, who're already catered for. What dog owners really want/need is large fenced off-leash areas, that's why there's always dog mess on the footy ovals. The suggested cat laws should be applauded, with shockingly so many owners endorsing their cats being outside killing wildlife and frustrating neighbours. An advertising campaign encouraging people to hand in 'lost' cats to the council, and the borrowing of traps, would ensure the new laws take effect quickly.	No
		I don't understand why people should be allowed to bring dogs in to the Frankston CBD and people already have their dogs off leash at the beach in areas where they shouldn't. At Seaford Beach on Saturday, my dog phobic 4 year old daughter was jumped on by a dog not on a lead. Owners also let their dogs wander and do not always see when they do their business on the beach. This is so damaging to our beautiful beach. There are sufficient free roam areas in the district.	No
		In regards to the cat owners curfew- I believe this would be a great change and would protect or native wildlife that we have in the area. This will also stop cats from defecating on property that is not their own. My question is how are we going to ensure this is to happen? I know of many cats in my street that roam and do not confine themselves to their property. While majority of the cats are not pests, just curious how this would work? Cat runs?? In regards to the roam free areas on the beach- I absolutely agree, I know both of my dogs would enjoy this, I do understand concern around dogs being attacked etc, but for my case both of my dogs have excellent recall and would benefit from having a free roam beach area in Frankston, we currently have to travel outside of our council to be able to do this. I believe that if the dogs are trained and have excellent recall this shouldn't be a problem. I'd love to be able to walk to my dog free beach roam area. In regards to dogs in the city centre- If owners can be responsible I don't see why this would be a problem.	No
		An off leash free roam area on Seaford beach would be a wonderful addition to an otherwise family friendly community. I currently drive my dog down to Carrum beach to enjoy off leash time but having an area of Seaford would be great! Good on Frankston Council for answering community need.	No
		My family and I object to the proposed change of rules concerning cats. You cannot try to confine a cat to a house, or an attached (limited in size) cat run, when these cats have had the freedom of their yard & certain areas their entire lives. This will cause serious stress to the animals, as well as mental anguish to the owners. It will I crease animal abandonment, as these now confined cats, will cause havoc indoors, which many owners will not tolerate. The current rules are accepted and respected by most responsible owners and our cats should not suffer due to the minority who may (or may not) disobey these rules. Punish those owners. Not the rest of us who do the right thing.	Yes
		This is great news. I totally support the changes that are proposed.	No

		I am interested in your implementation and compliance timeframes. A lot of older cats that are not used to being kept inside and get quite frantic when not able to get out. Will there be a grace period based on new cats being required to conform to this? If we are required to keep cats confined, will there be Council financial assistance to building external cat enclosures?	No
		I believe it's unfair to place a 24/7 restriction on cats. They need to explore their surroundings for their health and well-being. It's very hard to keep them contained within a property without using harsh deterrents. I understand keeping them contained after sundown to sunrise for the safety of wildlife etc. but keeping contained 24/7 is unrealistic.	No
		I think these are some great changes and I urge you to make the dog free-roam area quite long to allow for substantial walks.	No
		Having roam free areas for dogs is a very important part of the community as so many people in the area have them, and especially as the neighbourhood expands. Heartily support roam free areas for dogs on beaches in designated areas.	No
		I support all proposed changes, particularly off-leash area on foreshore as I currently need to travel to neighbouring council areas to access this despite my home council having 11km of coastline available.	No
		Definitely need a dog off leash area on the Seaford foreshore.	No
		I think it is a great idea to have all pets confined to the owner's property. The wildlife I have had to clean up because people let their cats out is disturbing. It breaks my heart to take animals to wildlife carers and be told it was a cat and died soon after getting there.	No
		I believe your wording should be changed to confining cats "inside the house or a cat run. Using the wording on their premises still allows the cat to roam and hunt in the front and back yard. Frankston city council area has many large properties including acreage and bush blocks that will likely have more biodiversity in which a cat will be allowed to roam and hunt wildlife within its boundaries. Even a cat not hunting will deter wildlife by its presence. It is also not realistic for residents to keep a cat confined to a property without the use of a cat enclosure or keeping them inside the house. I believe the wording should be changed to eliminate any grey areas and protect wildlife on each individual property.	Yes
		I strongly support roam free designated area for dogs in Seaford. The current restrictions to remain in place for all other areas.	No
		I'm all for protecting native wildlife from my cats, but I cannot keep one of them inside as she knows how to use the dog door. I need to keep the dog door unlocked so that my dogs can have shelter and access to outside for toileting. What is the solution in this case? And I know I'm not alone in having a cat who does this.	No
		I am opposed to the new proposed Cat restrictions. We own 2 cats and they are older cats who don't wander far. We always follow the rules and have them inside by sunset and let them out well after sunrise. Our cats rarely roam out of our property however on the rare occasion they do they do not go far or bother our neighbours. If they did I would hope our neighbours would inform us and we can work together to prevent it. The new proposed restrictions to cats already accustomed to being outside means owners will be forced to purchase enclosures for their pets costing anywhere from \$300-\$1500. Will council provide funding for this? Not all cat owners are neglectful and cats, just like dogs, can escape properties however they are harder to contain or catch if they "escape". I propose keeping the current restrictions for cats inside at dusk till dawn unless council provide owners with compensation to build enclosures or fences. Majority of cat owners are already doing the right thing. Leave the restrictions as they are.	No
		As a cat owner who follows the current cat curfew and keeps my cat indoors from sunset to sunrise, it seems wrong that council want to increase the curfew to 24 hours for cats but are allowing greater freedom for dogs. I have had dogs for many years although when my most recent dog passed away from old age, I have not been able to replace her with another dog. I am very familiar with the joys of owning a dog and being able to walk my dogs on leash in our area. Our dogs were always contained in our property and we replaced all our fences with high ones years ago to ensure the dogs were safely within our yard. My cat usually only goes outside to spend some time sleeping in the sun. And usually stays within the bounds of our property although he occasionally likes to visit the students at the primary school behind our house. I'm sure council members are well aware of the difficulties trying to keep a cat contained to a property compared to keeping a dog contained. Cats are excellent at climbing fences while dogs are not. If council expect cats to be fully contained within our property, how do you suggest we do this? I already have higher than standard fencing. Does council expect all cat owners to build cages for their cats or keep them indoors 24 hours? I'm wondering what sort of improved facilities council will be providing cat owners who do the right thing and register their cats. Or are we just paying another fee to council for no service? By supporting dog owners and punishing cat owners, it seems that council are biased towards a portion of the community while continuing to expect the cat owners to financially support decisions. These proposals are detrimental to our pet's wellbeing and to pet owners and are discriminatory towards cat owners. I would be interested to know how many councillors own cats and how many own dogs because these proposals indicate a clear bias toward dog owners. Also I would like to know what kind of advice council have received from animal welfare groups regarding these proposals? Please feel free to address all these issues in your response to my feedback.	No
		Oh I sent a feedback through an hour ago but I think I worded it wrongly!! I meant yes to finally having an area where dogs can roam freely in an area on the beach that I am in support of!	No
		A beach is done by Nature and not Man made so how come that dogs are not allowed to be free in Nature? But Humans are allowed to be free and drink on the beach leave their rubbish behind? Every time we go to the beach with our kids and Dog we pick up rubbish (alcohol bottles a lot) we found a few times used needles and that is safer than dogs on the beach? I don't think so	No
		This is absolutely ridiculous and horrible confinement of our dear fluffy loved ones and I would fight to the death to give my only family member who is my little dog the freedom to enjoy the beach with me as he deserves so long as he's properly contained unleashed which I certainly do as I am a responsible owner. I'm gutted and dismayed at this ridiculous proposition of taking my enjoyment and his enjoyment away from me as I barely have enough time to enjoy the beach as it is and cannot go for too long walks in the day. Heartbroken at this suggestion to exclude responsible dog owners from the beaches!!!!	No

		The dog changes make sense. It would be nice to be able to enjoy the improved outdoor eating in Frankston as a family, walking in with the dog. In addition, it would be nice to be able to take dogs down in the summer to the beach as a family where they are under control - for example after 4.30pm. The cat changes - currently the night time curfew is not managed so I am not clear on the intention of the day time curfew. Given many of the native creatures at risk from cats are nocturnal, greater management of the night time curfew to ensure that it is effective seems to be a more appropriate response. Imposing additional rules without an effective management plan for the existing ones in place is questionable and suggests a response to cat objectors rather than a planned, data driven approach.	No
		My feedback relates to the proposed changes to the cat curfew, and that it should NOT be changed for the following reasons: Consultation has not been with those affected by this change, namely cat owners. The only way I found out about this was through a recent Facebook post, which I was lucky to see, as Facebook algorithms do not serve up all posts to all followers (ask your social media team to explain). Given that council has a database of all cat owners in the Frankston LGA, they should be consulted directly to fully understand impacts before a decision is made. Consideration should also be made to the timing of this decision - we are in the middle of a pandemic, in which families are already under high levels of stress due to repeated and ongoing lockdowns, including working from home and home schooling, as well as suffering from the financial impact of work and job losses. Now is not the time to add to the current stress load with the need to re-train animals (not that you can train a cat!) and financial impact of needing to purchase expensive pet enclosures. Many people have added pets to their families to relive stress and provide companionship during a difficult time, and introducing a new cat curfew at this time would just turn this small attempt at stress relief into a new stress. It is also important to consider the effect on the cat, if used to going outside is going to become stressed in being kept inside, which will cause stress for families (remember cats can't be easily trained or fenced in like dogs), as well as additional financial impacts in having to purchase expensive cat enclosures, or pay for additional vet visits and medication to treat anxious cats. I urge council to conduct proper consultation with the people who will be affected by this decision, and certainly to not introduce it during this stressful time during a pandemic.	No
		The registration tags need to be changed to 1 single plastic tag not a loop also cat curfew should be cancelled not needed	No
		it is unreasonable to confine a cat indoors 24 hours	No
		Hi, thanks for asking for more feedback. I live near Seaford beach. I would like an extension to the times we are allowed to walk our dogs on leash on the beach in summer. I would also like further restrictions on off-leash areas and would prefer that dogs remain on leash in most beach areas. To facilitate this, I would also like to ask that council consider a smaller free roam area closer to the beach side as the existing and planned areas are all a substantial distance away, so it discourages local dog owners from using them and their dogs end up at the beach. I would also like to see dogs on leash in Frankston city centre.	No
		Maintain the night-time curfew for cats to allow them to be outside during the day. Maintain the current restrictions for dogs on the beach to allow responsible owners to exercise their dogs.	No
		Re roam free area: Please consult Frankston council locals about the roam free area. Currently we would not be happy for a permanent roam free area at Mc'Culloch Beach entrance due to eat being an area a lot if families attend. My daughter has already been pushed over by a dog unleashed.	No
		I do not believe that cats should need to be confined to the owner's property 24 x 7. The current rule of cats inside sunset to sunrise is adequate enough.	No
		Thank you for allowing feedback. Just want to say I support these proposed changes The only thought would be the roam free area on the beach, this would need to be managed and patrolled.	No
		I really appreciate the proposed changes for dogs, I was shocked when I moved here from Mount Martha that there is no designated dog beaches in Frankston during the summer period which was particularly concerning with ongoing lockdowns and 5km limits. I also love that dogs will be allowed in the city centre as it promotes a healthy lifestyle to walk into the city centre with your pooch instead of driving. I would also love some more walking trails for dogs. So many do not allow dogs currently however I believe with responsible pet ownership (on leads/picking up after them) dogs would be able to enjoy these walks.	No
		There needs to be more dog parks and an off leash dog area at a Frankston city council beach. Dog owners are a massive percentage of your rate payers and the fact that a council along a beach area doesn't have anywhere a dog can be off lead at the beach is ridiculous. It needs to be sorted out	No
		I think this is a great idea. I am very frustrated with the damage that cats do to our native wildlife as well as regularly fighting with one another and almost daily on community noticeboards on Facebook- are hit and killed by cars (which is absolutely devastating for everyone involved). I also find it contradictory that we are encouraged (and mandated with planning applications) to plant native and indigenous plants to encourage wildlife to the garden, however with neighbouring cats constantly roaming around it is a complete waste of time. We have experienced killed possums and birds in our garden and it is awful that cats have been allowed to roam and prey on animals. As a dog owner I would never allow my dog to do this, especially on other people properties. I also hope it helps keep peoples animals safe as no one wins when an animal is injured on the road. I also think the notion of a designated dog roam free area on the beach is long overdue and needed. I think it will encourage people to do the right thing and take their dogs to that section of beach only, which will improve dog little in other areas. I also hope that if the council decides on this they will provide bins that easy to access as the beach currently has very poor accessibility of bins and regularly you have to walk about 10mins to get back to one. If this is approved it will slowly be brought up to neighbouring council areas as they all have designated dog areas on the beach.	No

285 Submissions

21 In person

17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 enables the Council to close the meeting to the public if the meeting is discussing any of the following:

- (a) Council business information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released;
- (b) Security information that is likely to endanger the security of Council property or the safety of any person;
- (c) Land use planning information;
- (d) Law enforcement information;
- (e) Legal privileged information;
- (f) Personal information;
- (g) Private commercial information;
- (h) Internal arbitration information;
- (i) Councillor conduct panel information
- (j) Information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition;
- (k) Information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 2020
- (l) A resolution to close the meeting to members of the public pursuant to section 66(2)(a).

Nil Reports

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Signed by the CEO