

## Proposed Sites for New Dog Park Survey

The ACT Government's 2009-2010 Capital Works allocation includes \$250,000 for the design and construction of a dog off-leash enclosure within the inner north or south of Canberra. Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) would like to invite you to provide feedback on three shortlisted sites for a new off-leash dog park in inner Canberra.

### 1. Need for a dog park

(a). How often would you use a fenced dog park?

Daily       Once a week       More than once week

Monthly       Never

(b). What size dog do you own? Big, small or medium?

Big       Medium       Small

### 2. What are your experiences of the existing dog parks at Tuggeranong and Belconnen?

(a). Do you use the existing fenced dog parks?

Yes       No

(b). What do you like about the dog park?

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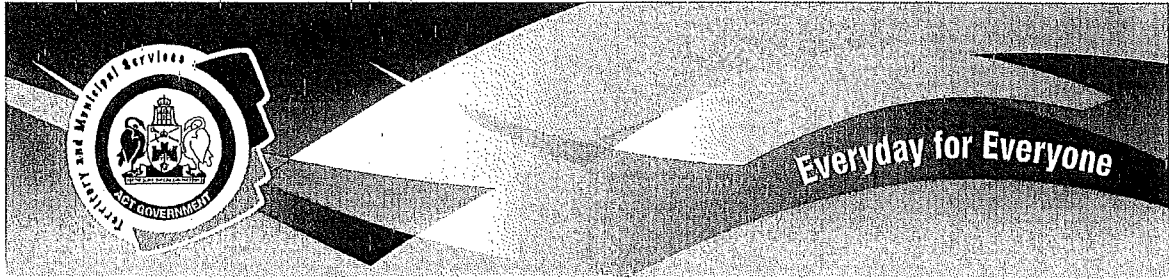
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(c). What could be done better at the dog park?

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(d). Have you ever has a bad experience at the dog park?

Yes       No

If yes, can you briefly describe the experience?

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(e). What would you like to see in the new park which is not included in the existing parks?

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**3. Where should the dog park be?**

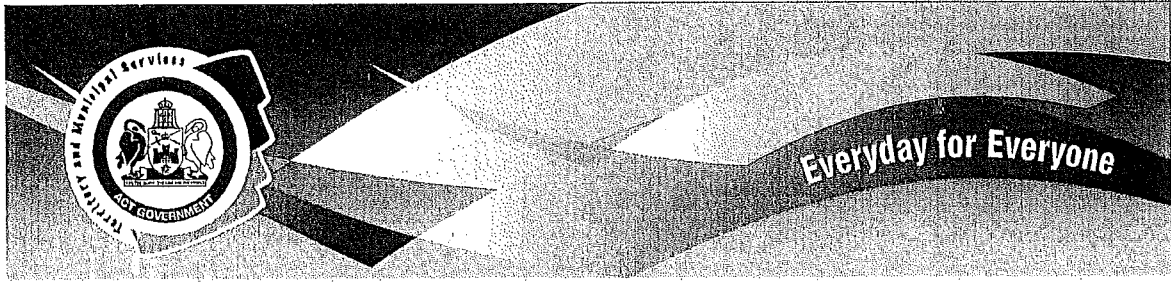
Sites In Urban Open Space across the inner north and inner south have been investigated. A shortlist of sites which best meet the selection criteria has been chosen. The criteria include zoning as Urban Open Space, sufficient available space, safe access for all abilities, parking opportunities, shade, interesting terrain, ability to fence securely and proximity to water and power supply.

Please rank the shortlisted sites from 1 - 3 with 1 being the highest. Refer to the attached plans to locate the potential sites.

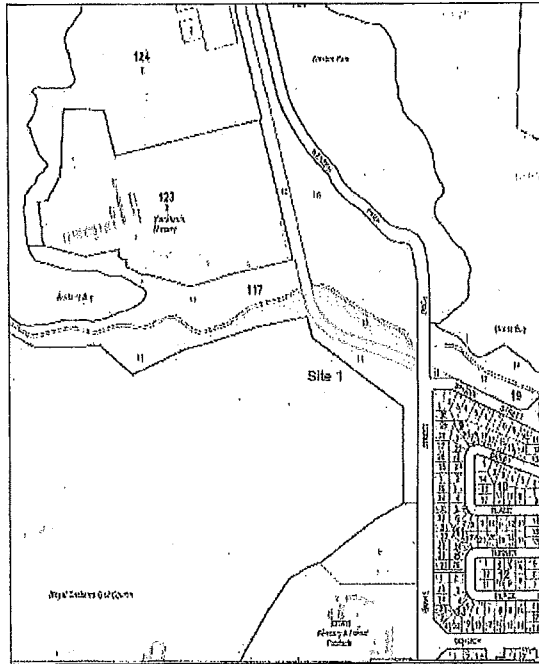
Site 1: Weston Park       Site 2: Grevillea park

Site 3: Black Mountain Peninsular

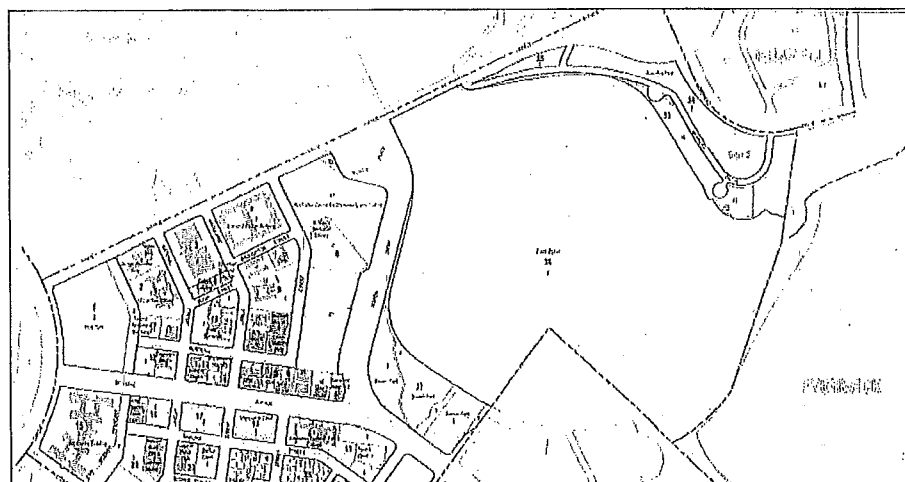
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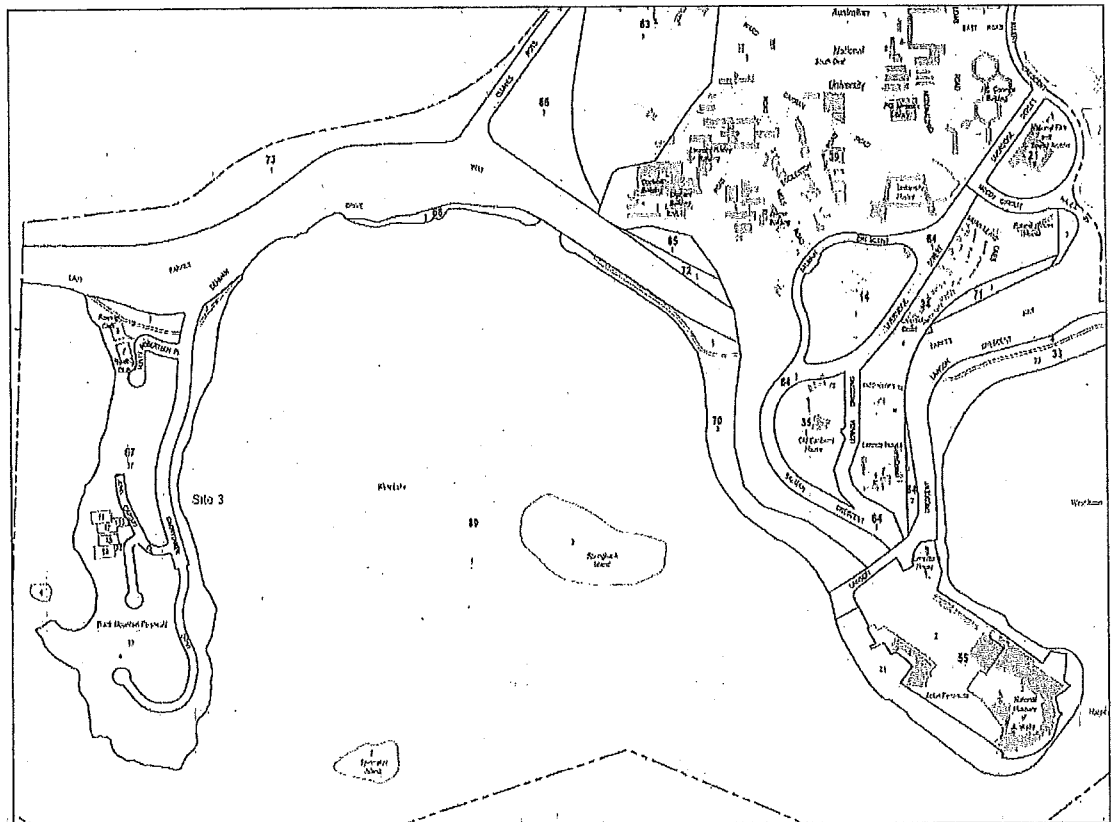
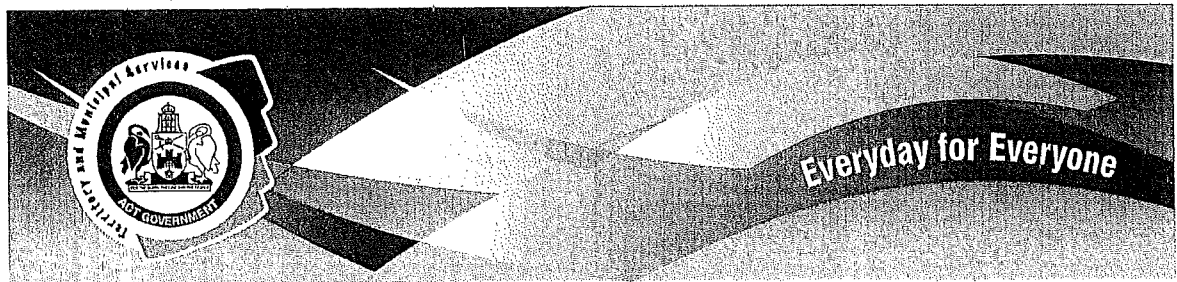
## Inner North and Inner South Potential Site Location Plans



Potential Site 1: Weston Park



Potential Site 2: Grevillea Park



**Potential Site 3: Black Mountain Peninsular**

**Thank you for your comments and feedback.**

If you would like to obtain further information on the dog park please contact Lea Durie through Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

**Proposed sites for new dog park survey 2**

**1. 1. Need for a dog park (a) How often would you use a fenced dog park in the inner north or south of Canberra?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily	21.8%	46
Once a week	21.3%	45
<b>More than once a week</b>	<b>37.0%</b>	<b>78</b>
Monthly	13.3%	28
Never	6.6%	14
<i>answered question</i>		<b>211</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>3</b>

**2. (b) What size dog do you own?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Big	32.7%	67
<b>Medium</b>	<b>49.8%</b>	<b>102</b>
Small	17.6%	36
<i>answered question</i>		<b>205</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>9</b>

**3. 2. What are your experiences of the existing dog parks at Tuggeranong and Belconnen? (a) Do you use the existing fenced dog parks?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	50.0%	105
No	50.0%	105
<i>answered question</i>		<b>210</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>4</b>

4. (b) What do you like about the dog park?

	Response Count
	128
<i>answered question</i>	128
<i>skipped question</i>	86

5. (c) What could be better at the dog park?

	Response Count
	118
<i>answered question</i>	118
<i>skipped question</i>	96

6. (d) Have you ever had a bad experience at the dog park?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	26.8%	41
No	73.2%	112
<i>answered question</i>		153
<i>skipped question</i>		61

7. If you answered yes to the above question, can you please briefly describe you experience?

	Response Count
	48
<i>answered question</i>	48
<i>skipped question</i>	166

8. (e) What would you like to see in the new dog park which is not included in the existing parks?

	Response Count
	111
<i>answered question</i>	111
<i>skipped question</i>	103

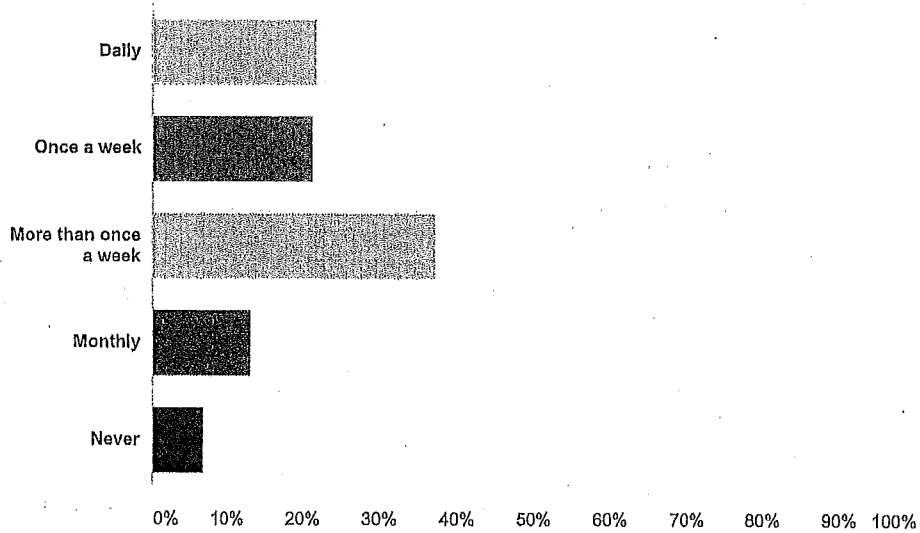
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	1	2	3	Response Count
Site 1: Weston Park, Yarralumla	70.1% (129)	13.0% (24)	16.8% (31)	184
Site 2: Grevillea Park, Russell	26.5% (40)	34.4% (52)	39.1% (59)	151
Site 3: Black Mountain Peninsular, Acton	25.2% (39)	40.6% (63)	34.2% (53)	155
			<i>answered question</i>	211
			<i>skipped question</i>	3

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**Q1 1. Need for a dog park(a) How often would you use a fenced dog park in the inner north or south of Canberra?**

Answered: 212 Skipped: 3



**Answer Choices**

**Responses**

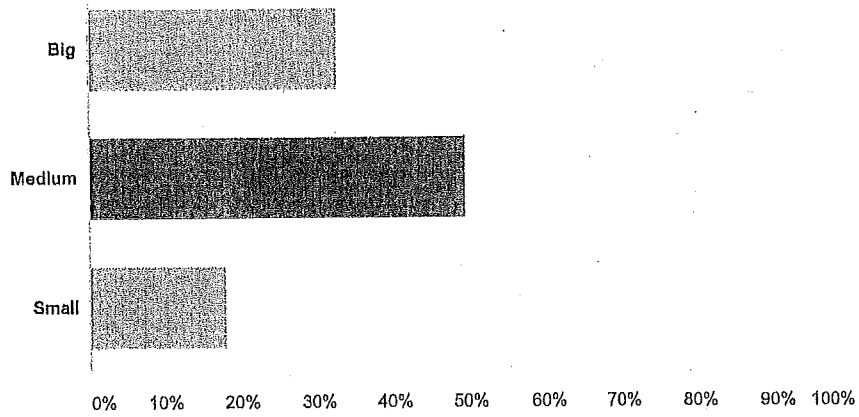
Daily	21.70%	46
Once a week	21.23%	45
More than once a week	37.26%	79
Monthly	13.21%	28
Never	6.60%	14
Total		212



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**Q2 (b)What size dog do you own?**

Answered: 206 Skipped: 9



**Answer Choices**

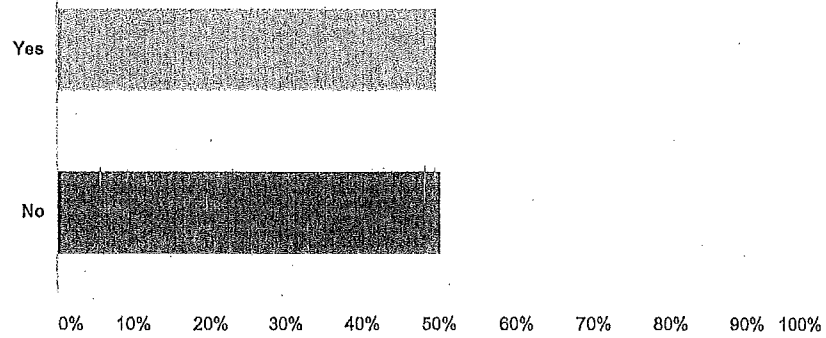
**Responses**

Big	32.52%	67
Medlum	49.51%	102
Small	17.96%	37
<b>Total</b>		<b>206</b>

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**Q3 2. What are your experiences of the existing dog parks at Tuggeranong and Belconnen?(a)Do you use the existing fenced dog parks?**

Answered: 211 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	49.76%	105
No	50.24%	106
<b>Total</b>		<b>211</b>

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**Q4 (b) What do you like about the dog park?**

Answered: 128 Skipped: 87

#	Responses	Date
1	My dog gets to socialize with other dogs in a secure fenced environment.	12/9/2009 10:35 AM
2	enclosed	12/9/2009 10:33 AM
3	Provides an off leash area for my dog so that he can run freely. Provides a safe contained area for dogs to socialise and exercise with one another.	12/9/2009 10:32 AM
4	Other dogs to socialize with my dog	12/9/2009 10:28 AM
5	Knowing that my dog can run and play but not escape, friendly atmosphere, great exercise and stimulation for the dogs. I like the double gates on entry. Although a lush green surface would be great:) the current surface at Tuggeranong works really well, lots of bark and mulch and leaf litter entertain the dogs and they don't come home too dusty or muddy! The design of the drinking fountain is great, not wastinf water and hopefully not attracting snakes, always nice and clean for the dogs. Generally the dog owners are very switched on and watch their dogs carefully, and know the appropriate action to take if an issue arises.	12/9/2009 10:22 AM
6	Securely fenced area for my dog to run off lead.	12/9/2009 10:04 AM
7	great for doggy fun and freedom. If they are happy then I am happy.	12/9/2009 9:54 AM
8	water, play equipment for the dogs	12/9/2009 9:51 AM
9	lots of dogs to play with	12/9/2009 9:50 AM
10	Not much	12/9/2009 9:48 AM
11	Being away from traffic	12/9/2009 9:44 AM
12	size, parking	12/9/2009 9:42 AM
13	Its a safe environment for dogs to socialise and run free.	12/9/2009 9:34 AM
14	safe from traffic for dogs to run without leash, meeting other dogs and people	12/9/2009 9:28 AM
15	It's friendly for the dog and he loves it	12/9/2009 9:25 AM
16	security	12/9/2009 9:23 AM
17	Able to our dog run free	12/9/2009 9:22 AM
18	It's fenced and there is plenty of room to run	12/9/2009 9:21 AM
19	dogs can run around and interact in an enclosed area.	12/9/2009 9:19 AM
20	safe for exercng - socialising of the dogs	12/9/2009 9:16 AM
21	Off leash capabllity	12/9/2009 9:14 AM
22	Belconnen is a good size. The one at Forde is too small and the equipment is dangerous	12/9/2009 9:13 AM
23	Meeting and socialising with other dogs and their owners	12/9/2009 9:10 AM
24	The dog is safe	12/9/2009 9:09 AM
25	Able to go off lead	12/9/2009 9:08 AM
26	good fencing, water for dogs available, shade, some seating for owners	12/9/2009 9:04 AM
27	safety it offers, ie being fenced off from traffic being able to let them run	12/9/2009 9:02 AM
28	large area water supplied interesting terrain	12/9/2009 9:00 AM

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29	It is a safe environment for my dog to run around and socialise with other dogs without being confined to her lead.	12/9/2009 8:59 AM
30	my dog can run around in an open space.	12/9/2009 8:51 AM
31	the freedom for my dog to run around off lead. He absolutely loves it!	12/9/2009 8:50 AM
32	Socialising the dog, meeting new people knowing the no one will complain about my dog being off leash in an off leash area, love the concrete tubes and metal jumps (at Forde)	12/9/2009 8:37 AM
33	dogs can socialise and exercise off lead	12/9/2009 8:34 AM
34	dogs can freely run around, water for dogs and people, benches for sitting and bins (with bags), Belconnen has great location next to lake	12/9/2009 8:32 AM
35	I am an instructor at a dog training club so I run my dogs there when I am teaching otherwise too far away as I live in Weston Creek - and not at the dog parks	12/9/2009 8:30 AM
36	free roaming space nice people the fence! (security of dog)	12/9/2009 8:24 AM
37	A safe enclosed area you can let your dog play without fear	12/9/2009 8:22 AM
38	Nice and large, secure gates, water provided, good path around whole park, enough parking	12/9/2009 8:17 AM
39	open space for like minded people and dogs	12/9/2009 8:14 AM
40	I have been to Belconnen on a couple of occasions. The opportunity for dogs to socialise is quite valuable.	12/9/2009 8:12 AM
41	We never knew there was one at Belconnen and Tuggeranong is too far to go.	12/9/2009 8:08 AM
42	socialisation	12/9/2009 8:06 AM
43	Exercise and socialization for dogs ( and socialisation for the owners)	12/9/2009 8:04 AM
44	Great for the dogs to be able to run off lead safely	12/9/2009 8:02 AM
45	I use the Belconnen dog park and I love the space and security it provides. I also enjoy chatting other dog owners while my 2 dogs can go about their business. One is older and like to just potter about checking things out and the other younger dog enjoys a bit of a collective zoom with some of the others.	12/9/2009 7:59 AM
46	meet other dogs and owners	12/9/2009 7:54 AM
47	ability to have my dog off leash	12/9/2009 7:53 AM
48	A place where the dogs can socialise with others and where they are not being yelled at for being off lead, as our 2 are both trained to obey	12/9/2009 7:45 AM
49	safety for my dog, my dog is currently under attack by dogs off the leash in my suburb and I am also under threat. dog park in Tuggers is safe.	12/7/2009 9:04 PM
50	Safety for the dogs - no chance of them running under a car.	12/7/2009 12:35 PM
51	ability to walk/run a dog off-leash without incurring the wrath of other people	12/6/2009 9:40 AM
52	Able to let my dog free to play & run without being on the lead all the time.	12/5/2009 5:48 PM
53	The fact that my dog can run free and is safe from traffic and can meet other dogs.	12/4/2009 9:58 PM
54	The dogs can run around without the fear of getting too far away and the owners don't need to be constantly calling back their dogs	12/4/2009 12:36 PM
55	As my dog loves different places (to enjoy new smells) it's a great way to have controlled use of a new area. Dog gets lots of exercise too.	12/4/2009 9:30 AM
56	I think they are a fantastic idea, even the one at Forde for smaller dogs, the one at Tuggeranong is well utilised as is Belconnen but the locking of the internal gate from the car park at Tuggeranong requires a better locking mechanism.	12/4/2009 8:30 AM
57	contained dog walking	12/4/2009 8:21 AM
58	exercise for me and the dog	12/4/2009 8:00 AM
59	Socialisation.	12/4/2009 6:04 AM

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60	We have just inherited a dog and have not yet had the opportunity to use one of the dog parks, but we are interested in taking our dog to meet other dogs.	12/3/2009 9:17 PM
61	One of my dogs is easily distracted and will not return - In the park, I can let her off. It is the only time she gets off lead.	12/3/2009 6:12 PM
62	Contained area, very social for both dogs and owners.	12/3/2009 5:36 PM
63	I like the agility run they have my dogs love it.	12/3/2009 5:10 PM
64	ability to know dog is safe from running on to the road	12/3/2009 2:36 PM
65	Great opportunity to socialize my dogs with other dogs. the more dogs can be socialized the less chance they might become a nuisance in some way.	12/3/2009 1:55 PM
66	You don't have a section for general comments on location of Inner North park Proposal....so I'll use this space. these parks need to be near housing, not in a place that can only be accessed by car. I don't drive and could never get to any of these locations. Try something smaller, local and a stone's throw from the heart of each suburb and you will really see dog owners coming out in numbers. We want to walk our dogs not drive our dogs.	12/3/2009 1:36 PM
67	An enclosed area to undertake obedience training	12/3/2009 10:26 AM
68	Socializing the dog	12/3/2009 10:15 AM
69	Opportunity for dog to just be a 'dog' and to freely interact with other dogs	12/2/2009 3:42 PM
70	If they were closer, they allow large dogs to bound and stretch their legs without accidentally getting on a road from existing non-fenced exercise areas.	12/2/2009 2:30 PM
71	Height of fencing; "air lock" at entry/exit; water (see note at (c)). Good place to meet people with similar interest and share knowledge.	12/2/2009 10:40 AM
72	cleanliness, ease of getting there, closeby	12/2/2009 9:47 AM
73	Size of the area, seating, shaded areas, proximity to other open space and walking paths	12/1/2009 9:35 PM
74	ability to socialise with other dogs and to be off the lead without fear of car traffic while they are simply fast having fun	12/1/2009 8:43 PM
75	Fun for dogs	12/1/2009 1:10 PM
76	enclosed and dogs can't escape... safe for dogs as well	12/1/2009 11:42 AM
77	It is fenced and therefore the dogs are safe at least from the traffic and there isn't any dispute with folks who don't like dogs in unleashed areas.	12/1/2009 7:44 AM
78	GREAT, BUT A BIT CROWDED AT TIMES. WONDERFUL IDEA.	11/30/2009 6:09 PM
79	It's location & being fenced	11/30/2009 12:55 PM
80	I have big dogs so the best feature would be the tall fences.	11/30/2009 12:23 PM
81	More accessible for me	11/30/2009 8:57 AM
82	The fact that I can take my dog out and let it off lead to have a run instead of always being on lead	11/30/2009 8:05 AM
83	Freedom to let the dog off in a safe environment.	11/29/2009 7:15 PM
84	agility equipment at harrison	11/29/2009 6:41 PM
85	na	11/29/2009 12:35 PM
86	Ability of the dog to run free and socialise with other dogs. At present, the existing dog parks are too far away as I can only be away from home in short bursts (due to illness in home). Weston Park would be, in my case, a fabulous solution to exercise a very energetic lovely dog.	11/29/2009 12:20 PM
87	It's a safe area to exercise dogs off-lead and allows them to socialise	11/29/2009 12:16 PM
88	Don't know as they are too far away from where I live for me to use	11/29/2009 9:52 AM
89	dogs can run safely off lead and socialise as can owners	11/29/2009 9:38 AM
90	safe place for dogs to run	11/29/2009 9:15 AM

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91	LOCATION AND SIZE	11/29/2009 8:52 AM
92	The double gate entry system Secure fencing Large trees for shade Seating Water for dogs Easy access and parking	11/29/2009 8:42 AM
93	Gives dogs a chance to run around, play and socialise.	11/29/2009 8:27 AM
94	Too far away	11/29/2009 8:23 AM
95	dog can get beneficial exercise in an environmentally stimulating area.	11/29/2009 7:52 AM
96	It is a good way for dogs to socialise, although I have found that there have been times some people bring outwardly aggressive dogs to the park and don't supervise them very well. I have just left the park at these times.	11/29/2009 7:47 AM
97	good fences and spaces to run around.	11/28/2009 12:36 PM
98	large fenced area, close to amenities (toilet, shops) and for nearby residents who can walk there, encourage exercise and community to get together and socialise	11/28/2009 7:18 AM
99	The dog park at Tuggeranong turned into a dust bowl very quickly	11/27/2009 3:31 PM
100	Large play area.	11/27/2009 3:28 PM
101	They are friendly areas where dogs can interact with other dogs and their owners.	11/27/2009 2:30 PM
102	I love the sense of community that the park builds, It is not only do dogs enjoy meeting their but people make freinds, exchange ideas and develop a sense of place in their community. I feel that dog parks for dog owners are similar to schools for parents. Anyone who uses the park in Tuggeranong will tell you that an enormous amount of people and dogs use the facility and how much they all enjoy having access to it.	11/27/2009 9:55 AM
103	Have only used Belconnen - like that it's somewhere the dog can run free without running away. Double gate entry is also good	11/27/2009 8:16 AM
104	Not much. I want to get a good walk too, and that is not available in dog parks.	11/26/2009 2:01 PM
105	Fun and exercise for dog and socialisation.	11/26/2009 12:46 PM
106	Safe off lead exercise environment	11/25/2009 5:20 PM
107	Allows dogs to behave naturally in a controlled environment	11/25/2009 1:41 PM
108	Safety for my dog - I can let it off-leash knowing that it can't suddenly run in front of traffic	11/24/2009 5:33 PM
109	Socialisation for the dogs	11/24/2009 11:56 AM
110	good size, can see most of it without too many obstacles (eg shrubs, hills etc) to keep an eye on roving dogs..	11/23/2009 9:56 PM
111	The large space, trees - just love the fact that there is a fenced off leash area where I am able to take my dog for socialisation	11/23/2009 4:15 PM
112	fenced in, bins, water	11/23/2009 1:35 PM
113	Large area for my dogs to roam away from others, well fenced with the double gates and water fountain.	11/23/2009 1:20 PM
114	Secure environment for enabling young dogs to exercise off leash without concern for traffic etc.	11/23/2009 12:07 PM
115	Its a place for the dog to run freely, safe from traffic etc	11/23/2009 11:52 AM
116	I like being able to let the dog have her own head and run with the other dogs at the park. I also like knowing that she cannot get out of the fenced enclosed area, and is safe from traffic.	11/23/2009 11:50 AM
117	That they are fenced.	11/23/2009 8:22 AM
118	Socialisation of dogs. Areas such as Coppins Crossing are becoming unusable because of the high grass and the potential for snake attacks.	11/22/2009 1:57 PM
119	The existing dog parks are too small especially if there are a couple of big dogs in them. A small dog is easily intimidated.	11/22/2009 9:44 AM
120	Fenced, secure area	11/22/2009 9:05 AM
121	Lots of space, and well set up to divide into different spaces.	11/21/2009 8:53 PM

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122	We use the gazetted dog exercise area at Eddison Park, Woden.	11/21/2009 7:45 PM
123	I love the way the dogs all interact without fighting. Once you take them all off lead, there is less defensiveness and aggression, and they all play well together. Big or little, they all play together. We would love a park in the Inner north, as with a child I find this an easier way to exercise my dog.	11/21/2009 5:09 PM
124	socialisation of dogs and people	11/21/2009 1:18 PM
125	the space to let dog run off lead	11/21/2009 10:58 AM
126	a safe area enclosed area	11/21/2009 9:45 AM
127	Security of fencing. Attractive (Tuggeranong) Access to other usually well socialised dogs	11/21/2009 6:31 AM
128	big enough for all and the dogs and owners and kids etc all have a good time together	11/20/2009 2:05 PM

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### Q5 (c) What could be better at the dog park?

Answered: 119 Skipped: 96

#	Responses	Date
1	Locate a dog park in Stromlo Park region as this was a very popular dog recreation area prior to the bushfires. Otherwise please consider Narrabundah Hill at Duffy as this area has lost a bit of purpose.	9/1/2010 6:16 PM
2	Play equipment for dogs including exercise equipment or agility equipment.	12/9/2009 10:35 AM
3	I'm happy with everything	12/9/2009 10:28 AM
4	A medium body of water. As lakes around the nation do not allow dogs. Swimming is great exercise and mental stimulation for dogs.	12/9/2009 10:27 AM
5	I would like to see an additional 1 or 2 drinking fountains as thirsty dogs can get quite protective of the drinking bowl. A few more benches under the shade for owners would be nice.	12/9/2009 10:22 AM
6	Lack of compartments to allow owners to separate the dogs - particularly protect the small dogs from the poorly trained larger dogs that can dominate the dog park.	12/9/2009 10:04 AM
7	Bigger and more of them.	12/9/2009 9:54 AM
8	clear rules of use	12/9/2009 9:51 AM
9	Irrigation - Tuggeranong dog park can be just a large patch of dirt sometimes.	12/9/2009 9:50 AM
10	Having just moved from Brisbane where they have fantastic dog parks, coming to Canberra is so disappointing. There is only two dog parks in the whole of Canberra? WHAT A JOKE. Seriously, I went to the Belconnen dog park and won't be back. It was weedy, small and unpleasant. Take a leaf out of Brisbane's dog parks. Huge, grassy, flat spaces with trees, seats, drinking fountains. Please please put more dog parks in the ACT. You have one in Belconnen and one in Tuggeranong, the middle eg. Russell needs one. As a resident of Campbell, we need somewhere to exercise our dogs!	12/9/2009 9:48 AM
11	One at Tuggeranong (Gordon) fence needs to be fixed	12/9/2009 9:44 AM
12	established shade (maybe an open shed) for non canine users	12/9/2009 9:42 AM
13	Some more shaded areas. Obstacle course to challenge dogs.	12/9/2009 9:34 AM
14	a little more shade	12/9/2009 9:28 AM
15	More facilities such as vending machines covered rest area for the owners, a man-made pool for the dogs.	12/9/2009 9:25 AM
16	more shade	12/9/2009 9:23 AM
17	owners pay more attention to what their dogs are doing.	12/9/2009 9:16 AM
18	Informing the public of correct use of the dog parks	12/9/2009 9:14 AM
19	Better accessibility and lights so it could be used at night.	12/9/2009 9:13 AM
20	closer to home	12/9/2009 9:10 AM
21	people's attitudes - especially small dog owners	12/9/2009 9:08 AM
22	Currently use the ACT Companion Dog Club facilities which are excellent	12/9/2009 9:06 AM
23	bigger! not big enough for my girl to chase her ball. also quite bland flat, square, no good hills no tussock/bushes to crash around in	12/9/2009 9:04 AM
24	better water facilities and more poo bag dispensers	12/9/2009 8:59 AM
25	Nothing particularly comes to mind	12/9/2009 8:50 AM
26	Have used the park at Forde, and I find that the tan bark used to make picking up 'landmines' a bit difficult (torn bags etc) - maybe a bit more grass.	12/9/2009 8:37 AM



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27	more space so that big dogs have more room to run, access to the lake for paddling/swimming would also be wonderful.	12/9/2009 8:34 AM
28	more shade areas, not sure if someone checks this area for snakes in this season (but if so it would be good to place announcement around)	12/9/2009 8:32 AM
29	more interesting design, undulating paths, different surfaces for dogs to enjoy, sand pits for digging	12/9/2009 8:24 AM
30	A swimming hole	12/9/2009 8:22 AM
31	doggie bags and bins provided and maintained by council, more and larger water points, turns to dust to easy. Needs shade area	12/9/2009 8:17 AM
32	Pretty good as is	12/9/2009 8:14 AM
33	Need some smaller fenced off areas for small dogs.	12/9/2009 8:13 AM
34	The Belconnen parks is very dry and dusty. For this reason, we stopped going there.	12/9/2009 8:12 AM
35	bigger, with tunnels and sandpits and water	12/9/2009 8:06 AM
36	Watering, but I guess that's impossible.	12/9/2009 8:04 AM
37	A separate area for small dogs and large dogs. Things for them to run through and jump over. eg. tunnels, Maybe if near a lake they could have access to the water.	12/9/2009 8:02 AM
38	people with boisterous and or rude dogs should better control them so they do not interfere with others enjoyment of the park.	12/9/2009 7:59 AM
39	pond or lake	12/9/2009 7:54 AM
40	not sure	12/9/2009 7:45 AM
41	making it bigger.	12/7/2009 9:04 PM
42	More shade.	12/7/2009 12:35 PM
43	larger area	12/6/2009 9:40 AM
44	tuggeranong and belconnen parks to far away to have used	12/5/2009 8:06 AM
45	Needs to be much larger.	12/4/2009 9:58 PM
46	Often the big dogs overrun the area, and on more than one occasion, my little dogs have been overpowered by big ones. I understand the big ones just want to play, but its not easy to explain to a dog that they are being too rough! The owners of this big dogs are not always courteous either.	12/4/2009 12:36 PM
47	Dog parks that include a bit of the lake for the dog to splash in.	12/4/2009 9:30 AM
48	The dog parks are a fantastic idea they could have little internal closures for the dogs that need a little more socializing and or time out, or maybe even a longer internal enclosure like a cricket pitch for those that want to throw a ball.	12/4/2009 8:30 AM
49	Less expense on developing them	12/4/2009 8:21 AM
50	more dog parks	12/4/2009 8:00 AM
51	Facilities and larger areas.	12/4/2009 6:04 AM
52	I can't comment on this and the following questions, not having used a dog park as yet.	12/3/2009 9:17 PM
53	I find that the existing parks are very dusty, they need more shade and obviously more water with all those dogs on what grass there is. Doggie poo bags available would also be great for those who forget to bring bags. Also a few more signs to encourage people - especially owners of LARGE dogs to pick up their droppings.	12/3/2009 6:12 PM
54	There is nothing in the Weston Creek area. No lighting to allow after dark exercise. People don't pick up after their own dogs sometimes.	12/3/2009 5:36 PM
55	I tap and a concrete bowl for the dogs. dog park entrance should be far from the main center of dog activity. a pond or something for the dogs to swim and play in. Area lighting for night use, Separate use areas for active and timid dogs and a dog wash station. No food or treats for pets or owners allowed in park	12/3/2009 5:10 PM
56	Not being prevented from letting dogs swim.	12/3/2009 1:55 PM

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57	More agility equipment for training	12/3/2009 10:26 AM
58	More area and diversity	12/3/2009 10:15 AM
59	provision of dog waste disposal bags and bins similar to those provided in Melbourne	12/2/2009 3:42 PM
60	should not just be a long narrow run	12/2/2009 2:30 PM
61	1) Water: bowl is much too low for med/big dogs as they hit their heads on the cover above the water bowl. Is it possible to have two bowls at different heights in the same location? 2) Would like to see at least one dog park with sufficient room for big dogs to gallop freely without danger of running into trees, ie. longer and narrower area preferred to shorter/wider area. 3) Crushed granite is not suitable for paths, as it scatters over the grassed areas. Bitumen or concrete would give more durable, maintenance free surface. 4) More "poo" bins - people tend not to pick up after their dogs if the bins are too far away. There should be at least one bin at either end of the park and preferably one near the middle. Brisbane City supplies "poo" bags at the entrance to all its off leash dog parks which does encourage people to pick up after their dogs. 5) Fence lines should be kept well clear of grass, particularly during snake season. Suggest mowing a metre band outside the fence lines.	12/2/2009 10:40 AM
62	potable water, shade, bins	12/2/2009 9:47 AM
63	Larger area, more areas throughout Canberra, partial division of areas to allow for small dogs and/or puppies to socialise separately from larger or older dogs.	12/1/2009 9:35 PM
64	not so narrow possibly squarer to make it seem bigger rather than a run	12/1/2009 8:43 PM
65	Dog waste disposal = Queensland has waste management in their parks.	12/1/2009 1:10 PM
66	maybe have enclosed area for puppies, they are sometimes frightened from the big dogs	12/1/2009 11:42 AM
67	I think there needs to be a separate area for little dogs. The big dogs can hurt them just by running into them.	12/1/2009 7:44 AM
68	mORE ACTIVITIES/ THINGS FOR DOGS TO CLIMB ON ETC.	11/30/2009 6:09 PM
69	Shade and water	11/30/2009 2:00 PM
70	A separate area for small dogs only and I think the parks can be bigger.	11/30/2009 12:55 PM
71	Coffee	11/30/2009 12:23 PM
72	Bigger and more of them	11/30/2009 8:57 AM
73	It could be bigger. At peak times it is too crowded and this leads to dogs getting twitchy	11/30/2009 8:05 AM
74	The bigger the space the better, they are so popular they tend to get pretty full quickly	11/29/2009 7:15 PM
75	belconnen park could be landscaped grass turns to dirt quickly	11/29/2009 6:41 PM
76	would love the option of a closer park	11/29/2009 12:35 PM
77	I haven't heard any complaints from people who have used the dogpark in Tuggeranong. All are pretty happy.	11/29/2009 12:20 PM
78	As long as it's fenced and there's a bin for poo bags, anything else is icing on the cake	11/29/2009 12:16 PM
79	I hear that they are not very large so more space for dogs to be able to run.	11/29/2009 9:52 AM
80	closer to inner north where we live	11/29/2009 9:15 AM
81	ALL OWNERS BEING RESPONSIBLE, AND KEEPING THE PARK FREE OF DOG POO---PROBABLY JUST A DREAM KNOWING THAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE TROUBLE KEEPING THEIR OWN BACKYARD CLEAN	11/29/2009 8:52 AM
82	It could be bigger - large dogs need a lot of room to run. HUGE signs urging dog owners to pick up their dog's pool	11/29/2009 8:42 AM
83	A second drinking fountain/bubbler in a separate location, perhaps one near both entrances.	11/29/2009 8:27 AM
84	Access to swimming facilities with deep water not just rocks	11/29/2009 7:52 AM
85	Maybe a bit bigger one at Tuggeranong. I don't believe that it is as big as the one at Lake Ginninderra.	11/29/2009 7:47 AM
86	Open grasslands like the Jerrabomberra grasslands. Fencing doesn't need to be specialised etc.	11/28/2009 2:09 PM
87	just another one in the inner north or south as we travel from Deakin and it gets a little too far to go regularly.	11/28/2009 12:36 PM

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88	No comments for Tuggeranong and Belconnen dog parks which are great location. PS: Forde one, if TAMS had anything to do with it, is too small!	11/28/2009 7:18 AM
89	More shady places to sit while the dogs run. Better maintenance of poo bags - they often run out	11/27/2009 3:31 PM
90	More seating in the shade.	11/27/2009 3:28 PM
91	Larger areas	11/27/2009 2:30 PM
92	Potentially more seats and maybe more taps/water bowls.	11/27/2009 9:55 AM
93	Larger area. More shaded seating for owners. Inclusion of, or close to, a cafe/picnic area	11/27/2009 8:16 AM
94	Better public transport to the sites, so that disabled people that can't drive can get their dogs there for exercise.	11/26/2009 9:58 PM
95	More drinking areas	11/25/2009 1:41 PM
96	maybe some time specifically for small dogs and time for big dogs? I have seen that big dogs can inadvertently scare smaller dogs when they bound up to play	11/24/2009 5:33 PM
97	separate into 2 areas so owners with smaller or more nervous or fragile dogs can more easily separate their dogs from the larger ones. Happy with off-leash space, doesn't need to be acres...	11/23/2009 9:56 PM
98	parents would watch their children!	11/23/2009 4:15 PM
99	I was hoping that the dog park at Belconnen would have an access area for dogs to go swimming, and as it does not I have not yet gone there	11/23/2009 2:07 PM
100	more equipment, better grounding ie it's very dusty in tuggeranong	11/23/2009 1:35 PM
101	Signage at the entrance specifying conditions of entry - not all owners are responsible and happily chat away and oblivious to the fact that their dog is being aggressive to other dogs. More shade, especially in summer.	11/23/2009 1:20 PM
102	Bigger - access to the Lake for swimming	11/23/2009 12:07 PM
103	Better enforcement of "off leash etiquette"	11/23/2009 11:52 AM
104	the lighting could be better.	11/23/2009 11:50 AM
105	separate small and large dog areas	11/23/2009 11:27 AM
106	Have stopped using it as it is too dangerous for smaller dogs - not so much from aggression but from large dogs that are too rough with small dogs. I would use it more if there was an area for small dogs to interact away from the majority of bigger dogs that use it.	11/23/2009 11:21 AM
107	The Belconnen one is very sparse with little to use for dog interaction. Some tunnels ect would be really good maybe even some sort of pool or small body of water.	11/23/2009 8:22 AM
108	The grass would be mown (hence no snakes) and the dogs love to play with other dogs. Easier to get to.	11/22/2009 1:57 PM
109	More trees and points of interest for a dog.	11/22/2009 9:44 AM
110	better dust control, more (dog) drinking water taps	11/22/2009 9:05 AM
111	A separate small dog and puppy area	11/21/2009 8:53 PM
112	Better fencing	11/21/2009 7:45 PM
113	The dog park at Forde originally didn't have a tap, and/or a place to store plastic bags. People often bring spare bags, they just need a place to store them. Also, the park at Belconnen is too big. There is too much distance for us to have to follow the dogs. I prefer the smaller size of Forde. Grass doesn't seem to work well... maybe artificial turf.	11/21/2009 5:09 PM
114	Use of crushed gravel instead of grass in high traffic areas. Wood chip is dangerous for dogs place seats out of the way of running dogs and in shade	11/21/2009 1:18 PM
115	a bin with bags inside the fence	11/21/2009 10:58 AM
116	agility equipment like the park in harrison supply of poo bags shaded area	11/21/2009 9:45 AM
117	Position of water supply should be well away from entrance to discourage groups forming and restricting entrance for arriving dogs. Gate entrances need to be rethought -see below	11/21/2009 6:31 AM

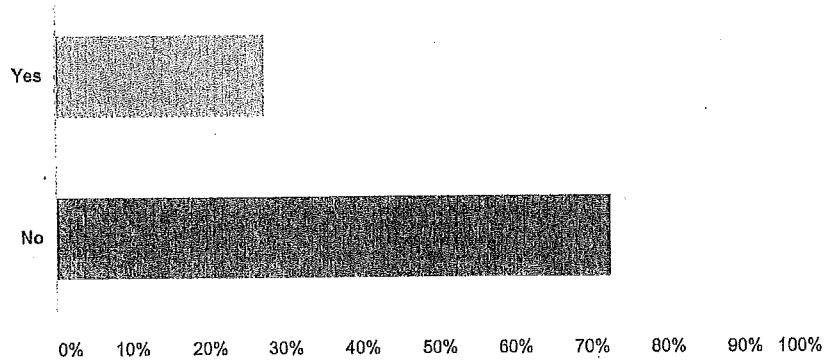
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- 118 Better gardening / ground maintenance - the ground is a bit dusty and there are sometimes. 11/20/2009 9:08 PM
- 119 I would suggest a section (separately fenced?) where dogs could access the lake, my dogs get so hot and so I take them for a paddle after... I know not every one wants their dogs in the water so it could have another gate perhaps? Also the path should be solid, not gravel. 11/20/2009 2:05 PM

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**Q6 (d) Have you ever had a bad experience at the dog park?**

Answered: 154 Skipped: 61



**Answer Choices**

Yes

No

Total

**Responses**

27.27%

72.73%

42

112

154

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**Q7 If you answered yes to the above question, can you please briefly describe your experience?**

Answered: 49 Skipped: 166

#	Responses	Date
1	Narrabundah Dog Park did not have double gates or clear segregation for big/small dogs and that was a bit tricky for small dogs, particularly.	9/1/2010 6:16 PM
2	People do not follow the rules and don't appropriately match their dogs to play with other dogs.	12/9/2009 10:27 AM
3	I use the Tuggeranong dog park about 4 times a week, and am very pleased to say I have only had 2 bad experiences there over the last 6 months or so. One is a lady who had a Jack Russell with little man syndrome that persists in attacking other dogs large or small. The owner does nothing to stop her dog. Another is a man who has two very aggressive German Shepherds who work as a team to attack other dogs. I have seen people pick up their dogs and flee when the shepherds arrive. Obviously this is not a problem with the park, rather than with the owners of these dogs. It would be great if DAS staff could randomly patrol the dog parks, even if only to pop in for a few minutes here and there, just to make their presence felt and educate people on responsible dog ownership and appropriate behaviour. My dogs are not perfectly behaved, but I have made it my business to recognise when we should stay or when we should leave, so that the dog park experience will always be enjoyable for us and others. A good opportunity exists for rangers to check registrations and whether or not dogs are desexed.	12/9/2009 10:22 AM
4	On a number of occasions my very small dog has been harassed by a much larger dog, tend to be younger, that is poorly trained or just over exuberant. I have tried moving away but not having a separate area to go into to separate them has meant that I have left the park because it is unsafe for my dog to run freely and the owner of the other dog either did not care or was ignorant of how their dog's behaviour was affecting other dogs.	12/9/2009 10:04 AM
5	Choked on the dust being blown off from the bare earth - please consider some sprinklers or something to keep the grass growing - you are constricting a whole lot of people and dogs to a small area - expecting the native ground cover to survive such traffic is not realistic.	12/9/2009 9:50 AM
6	Same American Pitbull getting into fights, causing many people to leave now when it arrives	12/9/2009 9:42 AM
7	I have only been once - at Tuggeranong and won't go again. A couple of large unruly dogs charged at me and small dog, jumped all over me and scratched me (and terrified my dog). The owners could not control their dogs and it took at least 5 minutes to get them off me.	12/9/2009 9:19 AM
8	Owners not paying attention and a fight starts that could have been avoided if they were alert to their dogs posture.	12/9/2009 9:16 AM
9	small children interacting with dogs, aggressive dogs and uncontrolled dogs	12/9/2009 9:14 AM
10	A small dog owner didn't like my big dog and he hit my dog	12/9/2009 9:08 AM
11	Dog was attacked by another dog	12/9/2009 8:18 AM
12	People that bring in dogs that don't socialise well and harass others dogs and people (usually staffys)	12/9/2009 8:17 AM
13	person not stopping their dog from chasing and nipping mine so I had leave.	12/9/2009 8:06 AM
14	'your' experience	12/9/2009 8:04 AM
15	A couple with a young brash 'he only wants to play' dog permitted it to repeatedly charge at my 12 year old dog who did not want to play, she tried to avoid him and give him a very wide berth but he kept coming back and putting his paws on her shoulders and when she eventually snapped at him to mind his manners they told me I should not bring my aggressive dog to the park.	12/9/2009 7:59 AM
16	As above	12/4/2009 12:36 PM
17	People throwing balls and or sticks, as they don't care about other patrons in the park, so snage about balls and or sticks with perhaps a penalty if not used in a designated area, most dogs are ball orientated and will chase them so fights will occur.	12/4/2009 8:30 AM

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18	We were frightened by a fight between large dogs, but the dogs were separated and all ended without injury. Another time a large dog attacked my small dog but again, no injury due fast reaction of both owners, and obedient dogs.	12/3/2009 6:12 PM
19	one dog going around biting the dogs and owners	12/3/2009 5:10 PM
20	Too crowded - this can cause problems for dogs of greatly differing sizes.	12/3/2009 3:45 PM
21	Not enough space in the park and could not help an attack by another dog	12/3/2009 10:15 AM
22	Chased by a dog	12/2/2009 11:30 AM
23	My dog recently trod on a King Brown snake (Bålconnen) which was hidden in over long, unmown grass. It was just sheer luck the dog wasn't bitten!	12/2/2009 10:40 AM
24	control freaks getting angry with dogs being off lead.	12/2/2009 9:47 AM
25	But I have seen some potentially dangerous situations with several big dogs in the area at a time and small children unsupervised whilst their owners chit chat in a tight group.	12/1/2009 7:44 AM
26	Roaming dogs in packs not being supervised by owners and fighting with other dogs in the park	11/30/2009 2:00 PM
27	Dogs fighting	11/30/2009 12:23 PM
28	AGGRESSIVE ANTISOCIAL DOGS----HAVE SEEN A COUPLE OF FIGHTS, (NOT OUR DOG) THEIR OWNERS OFTEN RELUCTANT TO REMOVE THEM FROM THE PARK AFTER AN INCIDENT, AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO POLITELY SUGGEST THAT LEAVING WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA! EVEN OUR FRIENDLY, HAPPY IRISH TERRIER HAS A PROBLEM WITH THE BOXER BREED, ITS JUST A PITY THAT ALL OWNERS ARE NOT AWARE THAT DOGS ARE NOT ALWAYS RELIABLE.	11/29/2009 8:52 AM
29	I have always taken my dog away from anything when I sense something may happen	11/29/2009 7:47 AM
30	My dog got attacked by another dog	11/28/2009 7:52 PM
31	People who are overly protective of their dogs and who clearly don't understand the behavioral characteristics of dogs. There is also a large proportion of ACT residents who don't understand the difference between a pet and a working dog.	11/28/2009 2:09 PM
32	People getting angry that your dog is playing with theirs.	11/27/2009 3:28 PM
33	my dog went stupid	11/26/2009 12:59 PM
34	Person with large, mastiff/bull terrier type dog leaving park - his dog suddenly rushed a dog that was coming into the park then turned on mine. No permanent damage done but some teeth marks on both attacked dogs. Guy left without saying anything to either owners.... there are some rude/stupid people out there	11/24/2009 5:33 PM
35	My dog is large and can appear to play rough depending on other dogs resilience levels. Never had an 'incident' but have had to leave the park within very short time of arriving as was just too hard making sure he didn't go near the dogs of nervous owners. I understand they want to exercise their dogs without incident, but owners of large dogs arguably have greater need of an off-leash area. Owners of small dogs have far greater chance of exercising them adequately on-leash and tend to let them off leash more anyway as they don't create the fear that larger dogs can simply due to their size.	11/23/2009 9:56 PM
36	Another dog owner had an unsocialised and uncontrolled pup which kept pouncing on my labrador and biting her. My dog was attacked by it twice and we left the park because the lady was hostile.	11/23/2009 1:20 PM
37	Handler not in control of their dog which was overly aggressive towards other dogs	11/23/2009 12:07 PM
38	One of my dogs got balled up by 2 other dogs that were not under control by their owners.	11/23/2009 11:52 AM
39	We have been harassed numerous times by non-dog owners also wanting to use the park	11/23/2009 11:50 AM
40	Ignorant dog owners not controlling their dogs. Off leash does not mean out of control.	11/23/2009 11:24 AM
41	Large dogs being over-exuberant around my smaller dogs and squashing them. Nowadays I know the local smaller dog owners don't use the park and just congregate at local ovals for this reason.	11/23/2009 11:21 AM
42	Too many people trying to use the same park with dogs that have bad manners making it a fight in the making.	11/23/2009 8:22 AM
43	My small dog being set to by larger dogs.	11/22/2009 9:44 AM
44	aggression from other dog	11/22/2009 9:05 AM

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45	People with inadequate control over their dogs	11/21/2009 8:53 PM
46	The dog is under full control with a 10 Metre extendible lead.	11/21/2009 7:45 PM
47	dogs running to to man made and placed obstacles	11/21/2009 1:18 PM
48	A large and very "lively" dog pushed it's way into the entrance area while my dogs were still being taken off lead. My dogs were trapped in a small enclosed area, unable to get away. A "skirmish" took place which is not surprising and potentially dangerous.	11/21/2009 6:31 AM
49	I did see one dog fight but the owner caused more of the problem than the dog, there will always be this scenario I guess.	11/20/2009 2:05 PM



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**Q8 (e) What would you like to see in the new dog park which is not included in the existing parks?**

Answered: 112 Skipped: 103

#	Responses	Date
1	Just to see Weston Creek acknowledged - we don't have a pool or a dog park and our population is growing rapidly. We are the home of the RSPCA!	9/1/2010 6:16 PM
2	Play equipment for dogs including exercise equipment or agility equipment.	12/9/2009 10:35 AM
3	More central area. Fairly easy access. Secure entry and exit - 2 gates	12/9/2009 10:32 AM
4	Obstacle courses	12/9/2009 10:28 AM
5	Regular supervision from dog professionals - such as dog trainers to ensure safety and appropriate playing/interaction of all dogs - same as in the school yards.	12/9/2009 10:27 AM
6	Just having a fenced area is great -thank you!	12/9/2009 10:22 AM
7	seperation - a few separate areas with fencing so that people can divide their dogs, particularly for smaller dogs.	12/9/2009 10:04 AM
8	More space.	12/9/2009 9:54 AM
9	I'd like to see a few separate fenced areas so that groups of dogs can be exercised apart. None of the suggestions below would meet my expectations. I would like to see large fenced area in the Dickson/Alinslie area.	12/9/2009 9:53 AM
10	Sprinklers please	12/9/2009 9:50 AM
11	Please put a dog park at Russell. I know many dog owners who are crying out for a dog park in this area.	12/9/2009 9:48 AM
12	shaded area for people lighting (good in winter)	12/9/2009 9:42 AM
13	as above. More shaded areas, agility equipment for the dogs.	12/9/2009 9:34 AM
14	a few more refuse bins and recycled plastic bags please	12/9/2009 9:28 AM
15	A man-made pool for the dogs	12/9/2009 9:25 AM
16	equipment	12/9/2009 9:23 AM
17	Plenty of water sources for dog bowls	12/9/2009 9:22 AM
18	Things for the dogs to do and water for them to drink when it's hot	12/9/2009 9:21 AM
19	Yes, something more fun for the dogs and their owners	12/9/2009 9:20 AM
20	Probably not realistic, but perhaps a seperated park for small to medium dogs where they would not be overwhelmed or intimidated by the larger bolsterous dogs.	12/9/2009 9:19 AM
21	lots of shade and some trails	12/9/2009 9:16 AM
22	nothing	12/9/2009 9:14 AM
23	Agility course. Cafe	12/9/2009 9:10 AM
24	Seperate areas for different sized dogs	12/9/2009 9:08 AM
25	more space, more terrain, somewhere for dogs to swim would be fantastic, several areas so that larger dogs can rough-and-tumble without upsetting small dogs (or their owners)	12/9/2009 9:04 AM
26	special programs on designated times for certain dogs with certain needs	12/9/2009 8:59 AM
27	Perhaps some 'play' equipment for the dogs eg ramps for them to run up and down on maybe some tunnels, a smal pool.	12/9/2009 8:50 AM

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28	See saw?? dedicated 'Fetch' area??	12/9/2009 8:37 AM
29	more space and access to water for swimming and cooling dogs off.	12/9/2009 8:34 AM
30	yes please	12/9/2009 8:32 AM
31	somehow allowing for areas to be broken up to limit the number of dogs in any one area. I have heard of problems where a number (at least 5) of dogs get together and form a pack - and then aggression incidents occur, especially since the owners are standing around letting their dogs run around and not interacting with their dog.	12/9/2009 8:30 AM
32	more interest for dogs, perhaps some sturdy agility type equipment, walking ramps, diverse surfaces	12/9/2009 8:24 AM
33	A swimming area	12/9/2009 8:22 AM
34	Doggie bags and bins provided and maintained by council, more and larger water points, Needs shaded areas	12/9/2009 8:17 AM
35	Grassed surface (as opposed to dirt at Belconnen)	12/9/2009 8:12 AM
36	Tunnels, sandpits pools - plastic bags	12/9/2009 8:06 AM
37	Better proofreading of surveys: final question below doesn't allow ranking just checking.	12/9/2009 8:04 AM
38	Water park, tunnels, jumps	12/9/2009 8:02 AM
39	I love the set up and size of the Belco park and reckon that I pretty much the right recipe. PS I note that this form will not actually permit us to vote preferentially at the question below so my order of preference is site 1, site 3 site 2.	12/9/2009 7:59 AM
40	some sort of play area with toys for the dogs to play with	12/9/2009 7:45 AM
41	more seats, more area, less hardspace (ie. paths turning to hardstands) - properly paved paths with lots of grass, different shapes of enclosures.	12/7/2009 9:04 PM
42	More shaded areas for the owners. Access to water to swim in for the dogs.	12/7/2009 12:35 PM
43	Play stations e.g stairs, tunnels for dogs to play.	12/5/2009 5:48 PM
44	close proximity to a cafe	12/5/2009 12:34 PM
45	plenty of parking and shade	12/5/2009 8:06 AM
46	Shaded areas	12/4/2009 9:58 PM
47	Separate area for small dogs, so that they can be comfortable to play without being bowled over by big dogs	12/4/2009 12:36 PM
48	See (c)	12/4/2009 9:30 AM
49	Would love to just see more Parks created as these are a great place to socialise both dogs and humans and with such busy lifestyles of people these days, I feel if there were more around within walking distance to suburbs we would have happier dogs less pound & RSPCA dogs and happy neighbourhoods as there would be less barking (bored) dogs. I feel option one is the best option and is closest to more residential and would be better utilised, Grevillia & black mountain are definite drive to Parks which alot of people just may not utilise these within the neighbouring suburbs.	12/4/2009 8:30 AM
50	Bigger area.	12/4/2009 6:04 AM
51	More trees - and probably unrealistic I know, but grass. What about some synthetic grass? A second water trough would be useful.	12/3/2009 6:12 PM
52	Location in Weston Creek (beside the current tennis courts, Weston P School site, or on vacant land at corner of Heysen and Bunny streets). Lighting. Simple obstacle course.	12/3/2009 5:36 PM
53	I tap and a concrete bowl for the dogs. dog park entrance should be far from the main center of dog activity, a pond or something for the dogs to swim and play in, Area lighting for night use, Separate use areas for active and timid dogs and a dog wash station, Community bulletin boards.	12/3/2009 5:10 PM
54	A special fenced area for one on one exercising/training) They have this at KCC Park Victoria. Patrons take it in turns and can impose a 15min time limit if there are people waiting. This is great for entire animals (breeders need to exercise their dogs too) or for the elderly dogs etc.	12/3/2009 3:45 PM
55	Lots of BBQ settings and seating areas to enjoyed time with families and their off leash dogs	12/3/2009 10:26 AM

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56	Area for them to get shade by trees and some seats for the owners. Dog equipment for them to play and be playful	12/3/2009 10:15 AM
57	Adequate access to water and seats for elderly and frail owners	12/2/2009 3:42 PM
58	shade and some form of water to splash in on hot days	12/2/2009 2:30 PM
59	We have to drive to ACT CDC to exercise our dog safely off lead, and would like to have a TAMS central off lead area. We have looked at the plans of the Belconnen and Tuggeranong parks, and would like to say that one of the most important features at the CDC is the sub-division of the space into a number of fenced areas - this enables dogs of different sociability, age or size to be exercised safely at the same time, and allows for a little daily basic training. It works very well as owners co-operate in moving between the areas so the dogs can check out the lot! It would be good to have something like this added to the new park.	12/2/2009 11:37 AM
60	1) Snake warning signs erected at appropriate time of year. 2) Basic agility equipment: weaving poles, low ramp/dog walk; low jump. 3) High mounds to encourage dogs to climb up/down to exercise different muscles.	12/2/2009 10:40 AM
61	ponds to swim, potable water, shade, bins	12/2/2009 9:47 AM
62	Larger area, more areas throughout Canberra, partial division of areas to allow for small dogs and/or puppies to socialise separately from larger or older dogs.	12/1/2009 9:35 PM
63	some small water feature to splash in on hot days	12/1/2009 8:43 PM
64	As I said, a separate areas for little dogs.	12/1/2009 7:44 AM
65	more INTERACTIVE THINGS FOR THE DOGS TO PLAY ON; COFFEE VENDOR NEARBY; BBQ FACILITIES NEARBY	11/30/2009 6:09 PM
66	Seating, shade, signs asking owners to be responsible and supervise their dogs	11/30/2009 2:00 PM
67	more availability of water + some obstacles for the dogs. Sydney dog parks I have been to have some agility items for the dogs, which I think is a fantastic idea.	11/30/2009 12:55 PM
68	A better water system, the water bowl is tiny.	11/30/2009 12:23 PM
69	recently moved to ACT. Would like area where dogs can safely walk off leash	11/30/2009 11:05 AM
70	Bigger	11/30/2009 8:57 AM
71	Bigger so people can spread out. The best park I have used was at Margate/Redcliffe Qld where people actually go jogging with their dogs as it is big with paths and lots of trees.	11/30/2009 8:05 AM
72	Note used those two but seek: trees/shade - grass/no prickles - seats - poo bags & bins - water -	11/29/2009 7:33 PM
73	Things dogs can jump, crawl under other interactive equipment to keep the dogs interested	11/29/2009 7:15 PM
74	shaded area poo bags agility equipment	11/29/2009 6:41 PM
75	Good fencing. May be even a smaller area separately fenced for problem dogs that still need to run. Plenty of water, shade, seats etc (PS a cappuchino wouldn't go astray. Only joking).	11/29/2009 12:20 PM
76	More space. An environmentally friendly way of disposing of dog poo rather than having to use plastic bags and bins. The sites indicated all seem to be rather small.	11/29/2009 9:52 AM
77	GARDEN MAINTENANCE--TUGGERANONG INITIALLY HAD SOME BEAUTIFUL NATIVE PLANTS, WHICH MAY HAVE HAD A BETTER CHANCE IF THEY HAD BEEN FENCED UNTIL WELL ESTABLISHED	11/29/2009 8:52 AM
78	HUGE signs urging dog owners to pick up their dog's poo! Some big toys - ie funnels for big dogs to run through etc More space - it can get a bit hectic at times	11/29/2009 8:42 AM
79	A second drinking fountain/bubbler.	11/29/2009 8:27 AM
80	Refer to question 2c. a site with deep water swimming.	11/29/2009 7:52 AM
81	Access to the water from the enclosure.	11/29/2009 7:47 AM
82	My only wish is that busy roads are fenced off with regular ring lock fencing. I wouldn't support the construction of expensive facilities.	11/28/2009 2:09 PM
83	good terrain for agility training; tunnels; track and field events	11/28/2009 12:36 PM

## Proposed sites for new dog park survey 2

84	some equipment will be nice, e.g. tunnels and rails to jump etc for mental stimulation for the dogs (and people). Otherwise, just a large space with some shaded areas/trees is enough. A comment of my choice: Weston Park will benefit the residents in nearby suburbs who can just walk there. Black Mountain Peninsular is not as easily accessible and requires a car to get there, although I like the area. Russell is too near a busy big road.	11/28/2009 7:18 AM
85	toilet for humans	11/27/2009 3:31 PM
86	Doggy bags	11/27/2009 2:30 PM
87	It could be worth looking into building two dog parks side by side - one for big dogs and one for little dogs. Some afternoons you can have as many as 30 dogs in the park.	11/27/2009 9:55 AM
88	More seating, better shade, either include a small cafe or be close to one.	11/27/2009 8:16 AM
89	Not directly in answer to the question, but the use of 'time shared' areas, widely used in other municipalities, achieves far more at much lower cost.	11/26/2009 2:01 PM
90	some sand pits	11/25/2009 1:41 PM
91	See answer to 2(c)	11/24/2009 5:33 PM
92	I would like access to Lake Burley Griffin for me and my dogs, Weston park and surrounds is a HUGE area - surely some of it could have dogs allowed (whether off lead and fenced or on-lead and not fenced). A few years ago signs were put up to not allow dogs even in the area outside Weston Park (behind the nursery). This is my local area and I shouldn't have to drive to Belconnen or Tuggeranong to exercise the dogs. I would love a dog park at Weston park that included access to the lake AND an on-lead area for walks. Having small dogs I can only use an off lead area when no-one else is using it. There is plenty of space around the nursery on three sides to allocate space for dogs. The only people I have ever seen in these areas were walking dogs (until it was banned :-)	11/24/2009 7:55 AM
93	Several separated areas to try and find a place where all dogs can have a run off-leash. Don't need it to be flash or beautiful, just fenced!	11/23/2009 9:56 PM
94	some equipment for the dogs - like they have at Forde	11/23/2009 4:15 PM
95	access to a swimming area for dogs. My dog loves to swim yet there are very few places where she can.	11/23/2009 2:07 PM
96	Perhaps a wading pool if it's not too expensive, would be perfect in summer.	11/23/2009 1:20 PM
97	Direct Access to the lake for swimming.	11/23/2009 12:07 PM
98	Not sure, have not been to an off lead park in a long time.	11/23/2009 11:52 AM
99	more of the same would be good, but with very good lighting	11/23/2009 11:50 AM
100	separate Small and Large dog areas	11/23/2009 11:27 AM
101	An area set aside for smaller dogs.	11/23/2009 11:21 AM
102	Access to water. I don't care if the area is fenced or not but it's difficult to find good swimming spots on the south side of Lake Burley Griffin. The whole of Weston Park is off limits at the moment. I won't use a park that often if it's on the north side of the Lake and Grevillia Bay is OK for dogs now. I'd be happy just to access the lake from Weston Park and not to have to use a fenced dog park - they tend to attract people who have little or no control over their dogs.	11/23/2009 11:13 AM
103	Maybe some general etiquette signs placed outside of the park. As above, Equipment for training, playing and interacting with the dog.	11/23/2009 8:22 AM
104	Play equipment	11/22/2009 1:57 PM
105	A separate small dog and puppy area	11/21/2009 8:53 PM
106	Dog waste bins.	11/21/2009 7:45 PM
107	Maybe a place for the dogs to get wet, so a pond/dam etc. Oh, and please put the chairs in the shade.	11/21/2009 5:09 PM
108	gates that are smarter than the dogs	11/21/2009 1:18 PM
109	pond, dam or similar	11/21/2009 10:58 AM
110	agility equipment separate area for small dogs landscaped rather than grass because it dries and becomes dirt	11/21/2009 9:45 AM

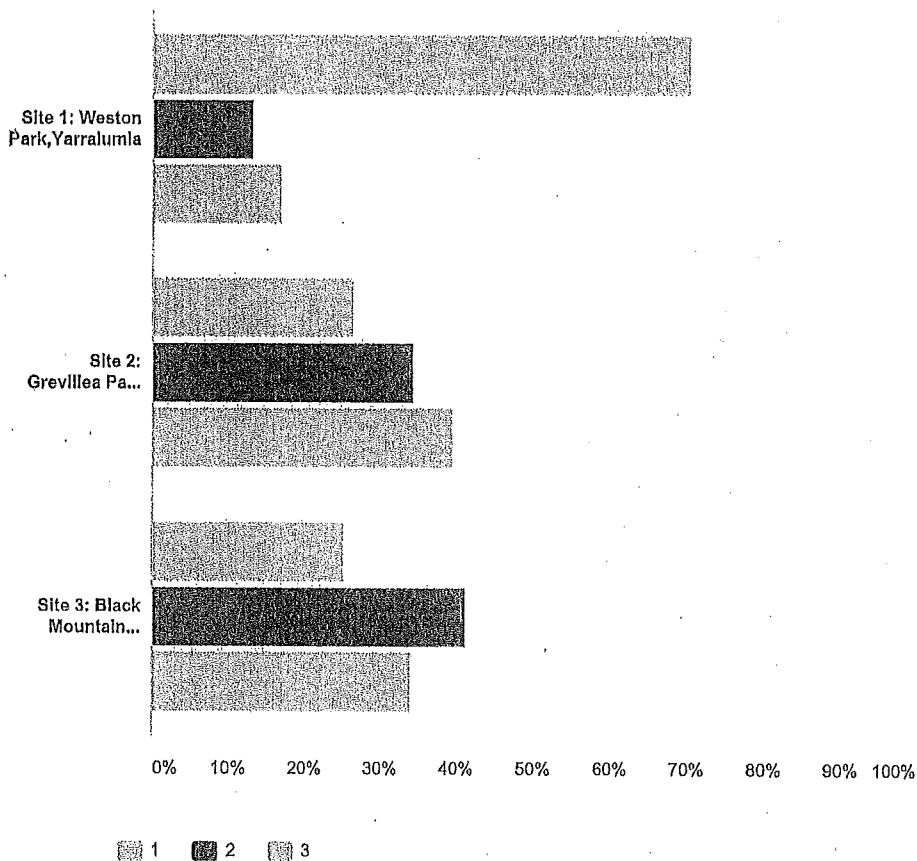
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| 111 | Low ramps, tunnels under mounds etc. more seats scattered around park. Planning to discourage humans from gathering/standing together in one area posing a potential territory guarding risk for the dogs | 11/21/2009 6:31 AM |
| 112 | Water pool of some sort if not access to the lake. Maybe not a gravel path (Belconrien) cause it makes such a mess and is not very practical with dogs scattering it everywhere.                          | 11/20/2009 2:05 PM |

Proposed sites for new dog park survey 2

**Q9 3. Where should the dog park be? Sites in Urban Open Space across the inner north and inner south have been investigated. A shortlist of sites which met the selection criteria have been chosen. The criteria include: zoning as Urban Open Space; enough space available; safe access for all abilities; parking opportunities; shade; interesting terrain; ability to fence securely; proximity to water; and power supply. Please rank the shortlisted sites from 1 -3 with 1 being the highest. Refer to the attached plans to locate the potential sites.**

Answered: 212 Skipped: 3



	1	2	3	Total
Site 1: Weston Park, Yarralumla	70.27% 130	12.97% 24	16.76% 31	185

### Proposed sites for new dog park survey 2

Site 2: Grevillea Park, Russell	26.32%	34.21%	39.47%	
	40	52	60	152
Site 3: Black Mountain Peninsular, Acton	25.00%	41.03%	33.97%	
	39	64	53	156

4.

Hill, Diana

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**From:** ODonoghue, Yersheena  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 November 2009 4:48 PM  
**To:** Durle, Lea; Hill, Diana; Tokley, Rachel  
**Cc:** Smith, Brad  
**Subject:** RE: Dog park consultation

Hi all,

I've had a brief chat to the CMO and to Lea.

Next steps:

1. We will provide the email the release to the CMO to put out (they think he will want to put this out quickly).
2. Once we know when the release is going to be put out we will make sure the webpage and survey is ready to go live at the same time (just a question of making it live and updating the dates)
3. The Community Noticeboard can be sent to CMD (I'll make a few changes to it) for insertion on the week of 21 November

I think that's about it!

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**From:** Durle, Lea  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 November 2009 3:39 PM  
**To:** Hill, Diana; ODonoghue, Yersheena; Tokley, Rachel  
**Cc:** Smith, Brad  
**Subject:** Dog park consultation

All

I checked pdms and the dog park consultation has been approved as proposed. We will commence consultation 21 nov for two weeks. The add will be in the community noticeboard on the 14th nov.

the media release, web content and survey have all been approved. I think Julie has the survey ready to go. the add draft will be sent to Yersheena today.

Yersheena - can you please confirm we will be in a position to have the survey online by the 20th nov?

It will be good to be able to move on this one. I am assuming we will need to go back to the minister with the preferred site which will mean that we will be unlikely to be in a position to tender until Jan.

Lea Durle  
Design & Development



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Hill, Diana

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**From:** Tokley, Rachel  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 November 2009 3:44 PM  
**To:** O'Donoghue, Yersheena  
**Cc:** Durie, Lea  
**Subject:** Dog Park Inner Canberra  
**Attachments:** Dog Park consult Advertisement November 2009.doc

Hi Yersheena

Please find attached advertisement for the community noticeboard for the Canberra Times for the Inner Canberra proposed Dog Park for your approval.

Cheers

Rachel Tokley  
Design Development  
Parks, Conservation and Lands  
Department of Territory and Municipal Services

## INNER CITY DOG PARK FACILITY – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Parks, Conservation and Lands are in the process of finalising a location and preparing concept designs for an off-leash enclosed Dog Park in Inner Canberra.

We would like to invite you to provide feedback on three shortlisted sites for a new off-leash dog park in Inner Canberra.

To make comments or for further information please visit the TAMS website <http://www.tams.act.gov.au/> or call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

Consultation is open until Monday 7 December 2009.

**From:** Ashcroft, Kelly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 18 November 2009 9:16 AM  
**To:** Hill, Diana; Durie, Lea  
**Subject:** FW: Chief Minister's Media Release: Three sites shortlisted for central dog park

**Attachments:** 381.pdf  
FYI - this went out early this morning. Website was made live yesterday evening.

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**From:** Wurf, Jess  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 18 November 2009 4:31 AM  
**Subject:** Chief Minister's Media Release: Three sites shortlisted for central dog park

Summary:  
The ACT Government is urging Canberrans to have their say on three sites shortlisted for a new \$250,000 off-leash dog park in central Canberra, Chief Minister and Minister Territory and Municipal Services, Jon Stanhope, announced today.

Jess Wurf  
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Chief Minister

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **THREE SITES SHORTLISTED FOR CENTRAL DOG PARK**

The ACT Government is urging Canberrans to have their say on three sites shortlisted for a new \$250,000 off-leash dog park in central Canberra, Chief Minister and Minister Territory and Municipal Services, Jon Stanhope, announced today.

Canberrans have until 7 December 2009 to have their say on whether the park should be built in Grevillea Park in Russell, Black Mountain Peninsula between the boat ramp and Garry Owen Drive, or in Weston Park in the existing dog exercise area adjacent to Royal Canberra golf course.

Sites were shortlisted based on their central location, availability of urban space, access to non-potable water for irrigation, power supply, shade, parking and accessibility for people with mobility issues.

Mr Stanhope said this was the third park of its kind delivered by the ACT Government. Off-leash dog parks in Belconnen off Diddams Close and in Tuggeranong off Mortimer Lewis Drive were completed in the past 12 months.

"Following the success of dog parks in Tuggeranong and Belconnen, the ACT Government has committed \$250,000 for a new off-leash dog park in central Canberra," Mr Stanhope said.

"This park will provide a dedicated space for dogs and their owners to exercise and socialise in Central Canberra. It will feature walking paths, seats, landscaped gardens, seats, bubblers and water supplies for dogs.

"I encourage Canberrans to have their say on which site they believe is the most suitable for what is sure to be a very popular new facility."

Feedback can be provided by completing an online survey available from the TAMS website at [www.tams.act.gov.au](http://www.tams.act.gov.au).

Community groups such as the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, the Dog Parks Community Reference Group, the RSPCA, dog clubs, resident's associations, and community councils have been invited to complete the survey.

Statement Ends

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ADVISORY NOTE FOR  
MINISTER FOR TERRITORY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES

SUBJECT:	Weston Park New Off-Leash Dog Park
BRIEFING NUMBER:	2009 1689
MINISTER'S QUESTION:	Consultation - no. of participants. What are the next steps etc?
DATE REQUIRED:	21 December 2009
ACTION OFFICER:	Lea Durie, Design and Development
THROUGH Dtr:	<i>[Signature]</i> 14/11/09 Russell Watkinson, Parks, Conservation and Lands
THROUGH A/g ED:	<i>[Signature]</i> 15/11/09 Bob Neil, Land Management and Planning
THROUGH CE:	<i>[Signature]</i> 21/11 Gary Byles

Consultation

211 people participated in the consultation which sought a site preference and included feedback on what should be included in the new park. 62 per cent of participants noted Weston Park as a first preference with an equal 19 per cent for Grevillea Park and Black Mountain Peninsular. Community feedback was dominated by requests for irrigation and provision of a small dog area. A number of respondents asked for a larger space and some asked for a second watering point. A significant number of respondents requested access to the lake and dog waste bags which indicates further community education is needed on the provision of unfenced off leash areas and ACT requirements for carrying bags at all times. A number of respondents also reported incidents at the park related to dog and owner behaviour and requested additional patrolling.

Notification of the consultation was sent to members of the reference group used to develop the design guidelines, community councils, residents' associations, dog clubs, Royal Canberra Golf Club and the Animal Welfare Advisory group.

Next Steps

A project manager is in the process of being engaged to manage the delivery of the project in an accelerated timeframe. Designs are expected to be ready in January for Works Approval Lodgement with the National Capital Authority (NCA) and will also be provided for your approval at this time.

Current estimation for time to completion is 13 weeks if all goes well. If approval is received from the NCA quickly, construction works could commence in March. Grass would need to be established before use, normally two months, with an opening anticipated for the end of June.

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.....Jon Stanhope MLA  
Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

*Chief Minister - I have asked for this to be accelerated. Funds provision may be an*



Date due with Minister	Date due with CEO	PDMS Schedule No. 2009JOS02490	PDMS No. 2009 01404
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<b>Subject: Community Consultation for 2009/10 Inner Canberra Dog Park</b>			
	Gary Byles, CE	Date:	24/10/09 (revised)
	Bob Neil, A/g ED/LMP	Date:	14/10/09
	Russell Watkinson, Dir/PCL	Date:	12/10/09
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Lea Durle	<b>Tel:</b>	6205 1627

<b>Legal Services:</b>	Initial:
<b>Chief Finance Officer:</b>	Initial:

This section to be completed by the Minister's Office

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Issues not adequately addressed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lacked clear recommendations	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Further Action/Comments.**

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**Signature**.....

BRIEF



Date 12 October 2009

To Minister for Territory and Municipal Services  
\* Chief Executive *10/29/09*  
\* Acting Executive Director, Land Management and Planning *Rhoad 14/10/09*

From Director, Parks, Conservation and Lands *12/10/09*

Subject Community Consultation for Inner Canberra Dog Park

**Critical date and reason**

Nil.

**Purpose**

To inform you about the consultation process that is being undertaken for the inner Canberra dog park as part of the 2009/2010 Capital Works Program.

**Background**

The ACT Government's 2009-2010 Capital Works Program includes \$250,000 for the design and construction of a dog off-leash enclosure within the inner north or south of Canberra.

**Issues**

Parks, Conservation and Lands (PCL) proposes to consult with the community and relevant Government stakeholders to ensure that the most accurate information is captured and stakeholders are given the opportunity to provide input into the process.

PCL has shortlisted sites appropriate for the dog park based on criteria established in the Dog Park Design Guidelines. The criteria includes zoning, proximity to residential areas, amount of available space, shade, power supply, access to both potable water for drinking and non-potable water for irrigation, parking and accessibility for people with mobility issues. Three sites best meet the criteria and are shown on the plans at Attachment A:

- Weston Park, in the existing dog exercise area adjacent to the golf course;
- Grevillea Park, opposite Clare Holland House; and
- Black Mountain Peninsular, between the boat ramp and Garry Owen Drive.

Preferences and information gathered from the consultation process will be considered in the selection of a location for the dog park.

**Consultation**

Community consultation is proposed to be conducted via a web-based questionnaire. A copy of the survey is at Attachment B. Notification of the questionnaire will be via a media release (at Attachment C), public notice advertisements in The Community Noticeboard and the placement of notices at existing dog parks.

Key stakeholders will be informed of the survey via a letter and meetings will be held with government stakeholders. Consultation has been designed so that perspectives from a broad cross section of the community are accessed.

Key stakeholders include the following:

**Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS)**

- PCL business units
- Domestic Animal Services
- ACT Heritage Unit
- Roads ACT

**Other ACT Government stakeholders**

- ACT Planning and Land Authority
- National Capital Authority
- ACTEWAgI

**Community stakeholders**

- Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
- Dog Parks Community reference Group
- RSPCA
- Centre for Companion Animals in Society
- Relevant residents associations
- Community Councils
- Dog Clubs
- General Community
- Royal Canberra Golf Club
- Clare Holland House

At the end of the community consultation period, comments and submissions received will be consolidated and the results displayed on the TAMS website. When final plans are complete in November 2009, they will be displayed on the website.

**Financial**

\$250,000 has been allocated in the 2009-10 Budget for the new dog park.

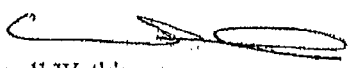
**Media**

A positive media opportunity exists with the announcement of the community consultation process.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that you:

- note the information in this brief;
- note the shortlisted sites at Attachment A;
- note the web based questionnaire at Attachment B; and
- approve the media release informing the public of the on-line survey at Attachment C.

  
 Russell Watkinson  
 Director  
 Parks, Conservation and Lands  
 12 October 2009

Contact Officer: Lea Durlle  
 Design & Development  
 Phone: 6205 1627

*That you - I assume this project is on target for completion within the financial year*

*Jon Stanhope MLA* .....

**AGREED/NOT AGREED/NOTED/PLEASE DISCUSS**

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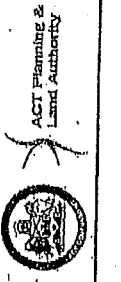




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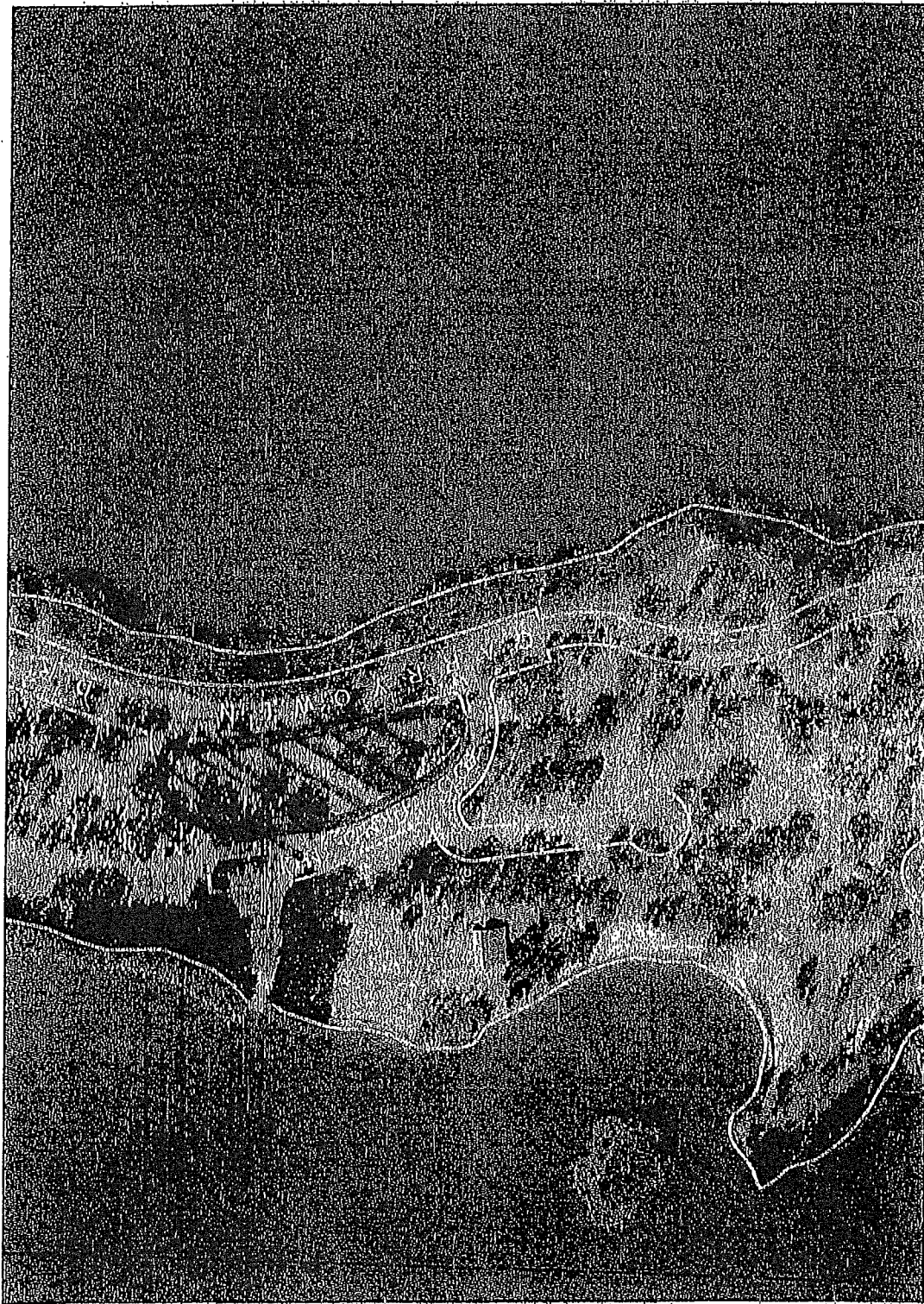


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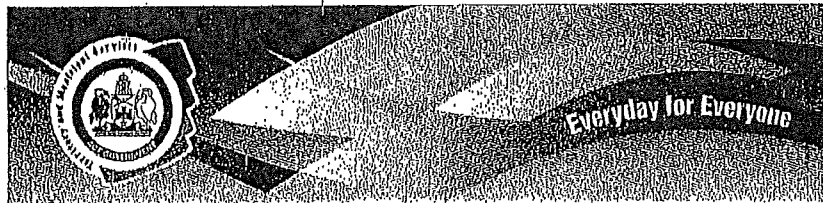
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## Inner North/South Dog Park Questionnaire

The ACT Government's 2009-2010 Capital Works allocation includes \$250,000 for the design and construction of a dog off leash enclosure within the Inner north or south of Canberra.

### 1. Need for a dog park

(a). How often would you use a fenced dog park in the Inner north?

Daily     Once a week     More than once week

Monthly     Never

(b). What size dog do you own? Big, small or medium?

Big                       Medium                       Small

### 2. What are your experiences of the existing dog parks at Tuggerahong and Belconnen?

(a). Do you use the existing fenced dog parks?

Yes     No

(b). What do you like about the dog park?

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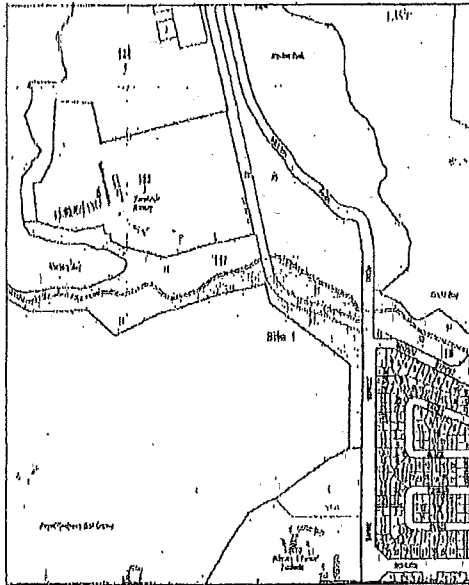
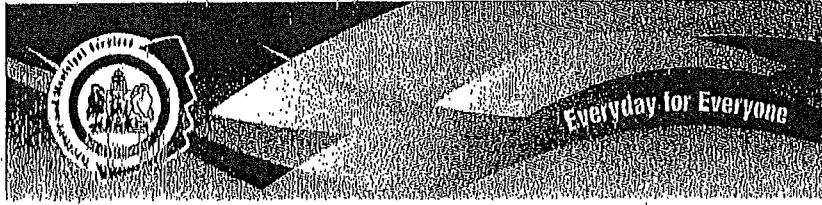
(c). What could be better at the dog park?

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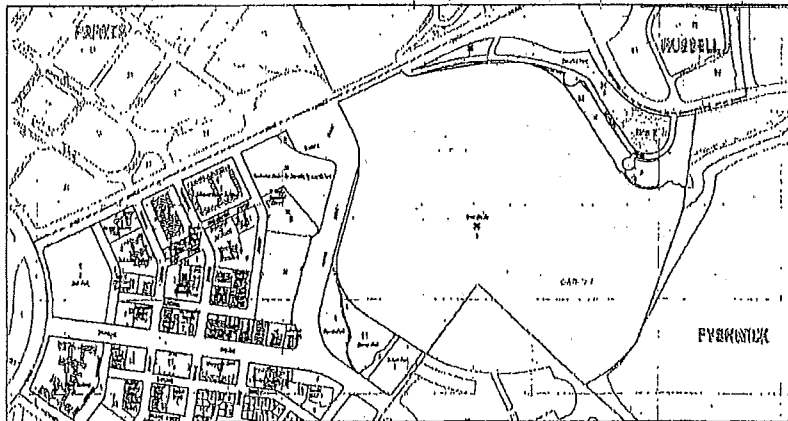
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**Potential Site 1: Weston Park**



**Potential Site 2: Grevillea Park**



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## MEDIA RELEASE

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Attachment C  
xx October 2009

### FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON PROPOSED SITES FOR NEW DOG PARK

Canberrans are invited to provide feedback on three shortlisted sites for a new off-leash dog park in Inner Canberra, Chief Minister and Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, Jon Stanhope, announced today.

The ACT Government has allocated approximately \$250,000 in the 2009-2010 Budget for the design and construction of a new off-leash dog park within the inner north or inner south of Canberra.

"Earlier this year, the ACT Government opened two new off-leash dog parks – one in Belconnen off Diddams Close and one in Tuggeranong off Mortimer Lewis Drive," Mr Stanhope said. "This new off-leash dog park is designed to provide residents of Inner Canberra with a place to exercise and train their dogs, as well as socialise with friends".

"Three potential sites have been identified. These include Grevillea Park in Russell, Black Mountain Peninsula (between the boat ramp and Garry Owen Drive) and Weston Park in Yarralumla (at the existing dog exercise area on land adjacent to Royal Canberra Golf Course)".

"The three proposed locations have been chosen for their suitability against dog park selection criteria. These include: zoning as Urban Open Space; sufficient space; easy access; parking opportunities; ability to securely fence the site; potential to irrigate with lake water; proximity to power supply; shade; and an interesting terrain for dogs and their owners to enjoy".

"We are now calling on the community to comment on which of the three possible sites they think would be most suitable for the new off-leash dog park".

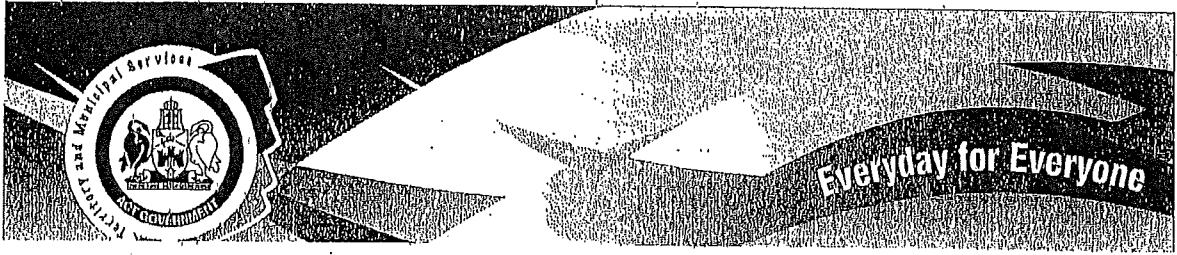
"A survey has been distributed to community stakeholder groups such as the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, the Dog Parks Community Reference Group, the RSPCA, dog clubs, resident associations and community councils. The survey is also available at [www.tams.act.gov.au](http://www.tams.act.gov.au) (under 'Get Involved').

"I encourage all Canberrans to complete the online survey to help us find the most suitable location for a new off-leash dog park in Canberra," said Mr Stanhope.

Comments for the new off-leash dog park close on **[date to be confirmed]** October 2009.

Statement Ends

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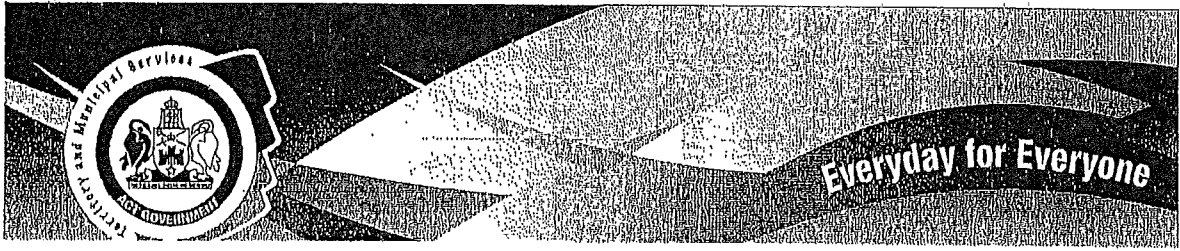


**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN  
INNER CITY AND WODEN/WESTON OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS**

**PARKS, CONSERVATION AND LANDS**

**Date: 6 October 2009**

*Community Engagement*



## **Purpose**

*Why are we engaging with the community?*

The consultation program is being conducted to:

- seek information and insights that will inform the location of the new dog-off-leash parks within the Inner North or South of Canberra

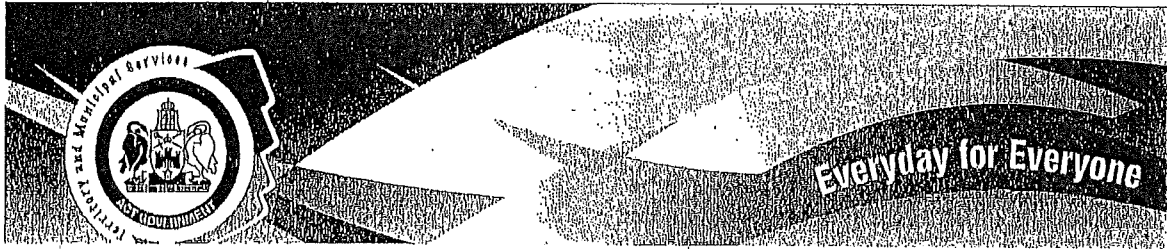
## **Background**

Pets are now being recognised for their physical and mental health benefits and dog owners are a substantial group of park users. However, the importance of managing dogs in public space to reduce conflict and work towards the best outcomes for all members of the community is equally important. This project will create one off-leash dog enclosure in the inner north or south which will encourage access to exercise and training opportunities for dogs and their owners.

As part of the Belconnen and Tuggeranong off-leash areas constructed in 2008, Parks, Conservation and Lands prepared design guidelines to inform the siting and design of the enclosures. These guidelines were developed through background research which investigated other examples of enclosures both in Australia and overseas. This research highlighted the range of approaches and the need for careful planning for such a facility to be successful. The guidelines will inform the detail design and construction to be undertaken by others.

The ACT Government's 2009-2010 Capital Works allocation includes \$250,000 for the design and construction of a dog off leash enclosure within the inner north or south of Canberra.





## KEY STAKEHOLDERS

### Internal government stakeholders

#### TAMS

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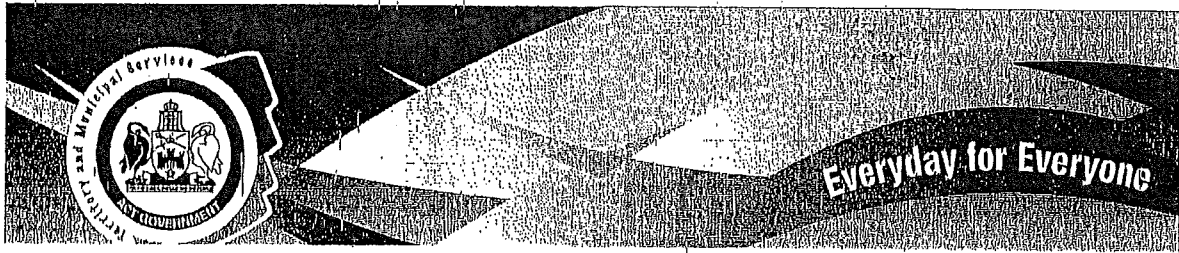
- Design and Development,
- CPOS,
- Parks and Reserves,
- Urban Tree Management,
- Domestic Animal Services
- ACT Heritage Unit
- Roads ACT

### External government stakeholders

- ACT Planning and Land Authority
- National Capital Authority
- ACTEWagl

### Community stakeholders

- Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
- Dog Parks Community reference Group
- RSPCA
- Centre for Companion Animals In Society
- Relevant residents associations
- Community Councils
- Dog Clubs
- General Community
- Royal Canberra Golf Club
- Clare Holland House



### Issues

Sites in Urban Open Space across the Inner north and Inner south have been investigated as potential sites for the dog parks. A shortlist of sites which best meet the selection criteria has been chosen. The criteria include zoning as Urban Open Space, sufficient available space, safe access for all abilities, parking opportunities, shade, interesting terrain whilst still allowing for accessibility, ability to fence securely and proximity to water and power supply. The sites have been chosen to have minimal impact on surrounding residential areas.

The shortlisted sites are:

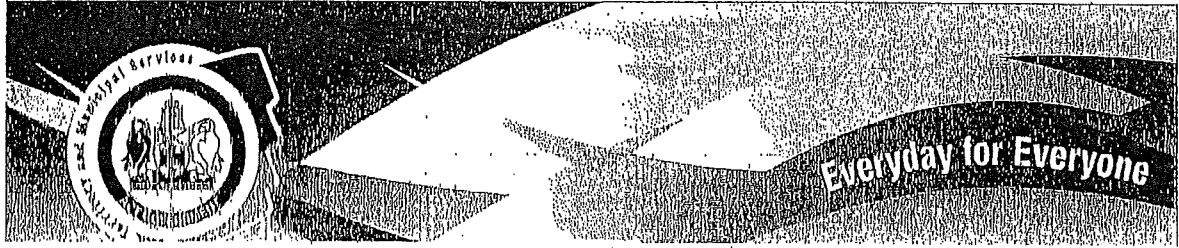
- Weston Park
- Grevillea Park
- Black Mtn Peninsula

### Community Consultation Strategy

The Design and Development unit of Parks, Conservation and Lands proposes consultation with the community and relevant Government stakeholders to ensure that the most complete information is captured and stakeholders are given the opportunity to provide input into the process.

Information gathered from the consultation process will be used to identify a location for the dog off leash park.

The consultations will be organised by D&D with assistance from the TAMS Community Engagement Unit.



## Approach and Timelines

The following approach and timeframe is proposed.

### Government stakeholder consultations

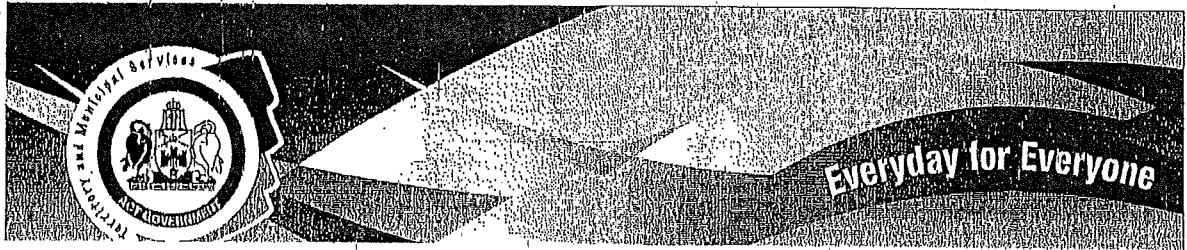
- Preliminary meeting –mid October 09: To advise ACT Government and other stakeholders of the project and to identify opportunities and constraints. Supplementary meetings will be held with those stakeholders unable to attend the preliminary meeting.
- Follow up meeting -Mid November 2009: Meetings or correspondence as necessary
- Request for comment on the identified location for the proposed park.

### Community Consultation

- A survey should be posted online and advertised widely through the media, dog groups, reference group, residents associations, and notices at existing dog parks to provide feedback on existing parks and to identify preferred location in mid October.
- Information will be placed on the TAMS website advising of other sites considered and excluded

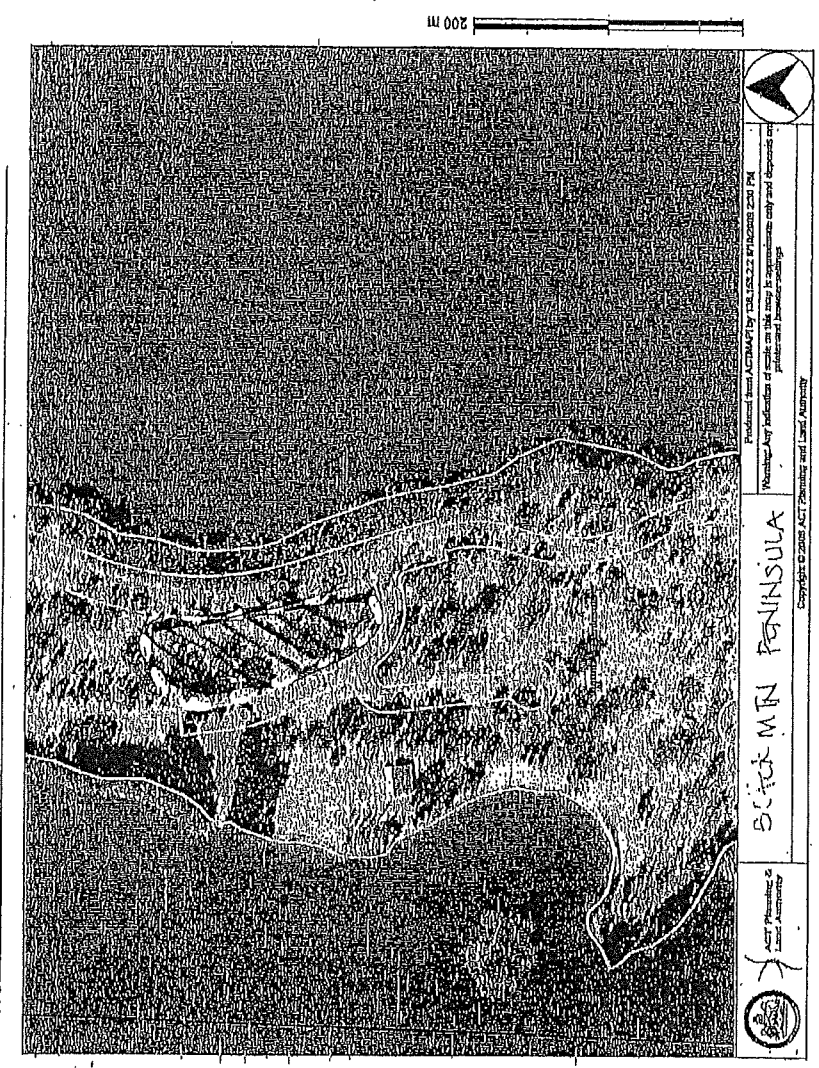
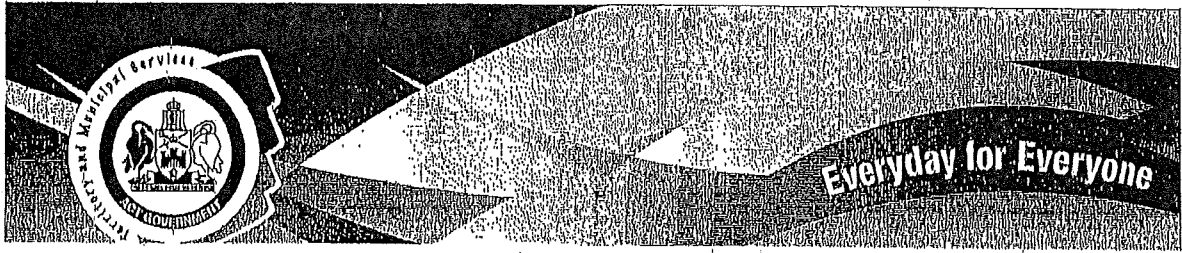
### Circulations

- Final comment from all stakeholders – late October 2009



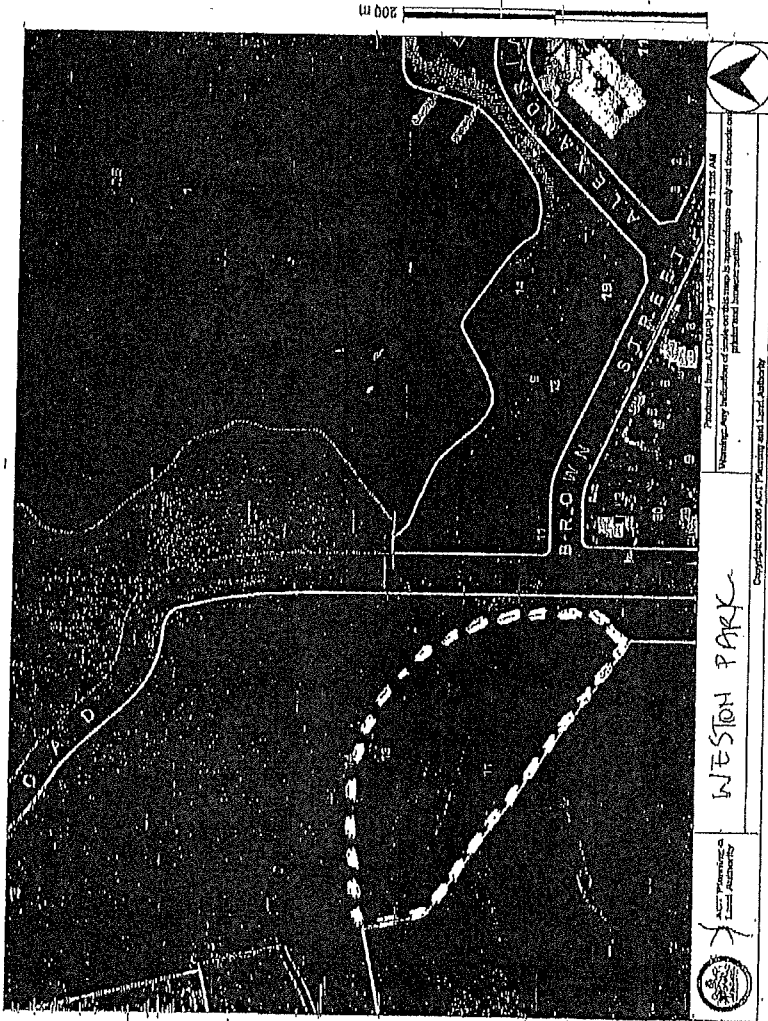
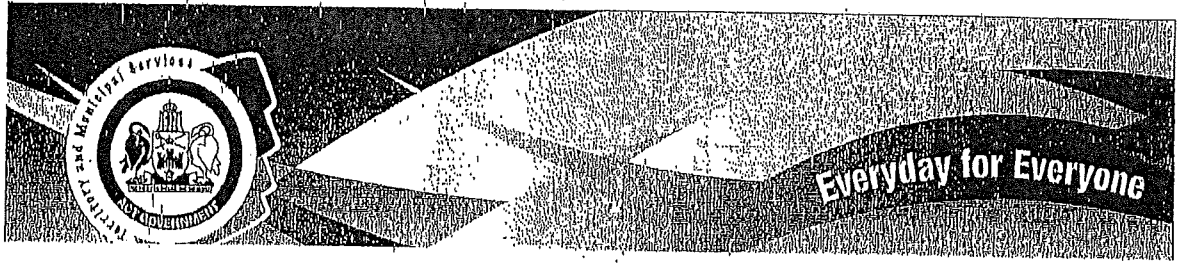
**Overview of Consultation Timeline**

Task	Organisation/ Person Responsible	Timeframe	Financial Responsibility
Preliminary government and other stakeholder meeting	PCL	Mid October 2009	PCL
Place survey on TAMS website	PCL/CE	Mid October 2009	PCL
Letters to stakeholders	PCL	Mid October 2009	PCL
Community noticeboard add	PCL	Mid October 2009	PCL
Comments Close	PCL	2 weeks after add	PCL
Follow up government and other stakeholder meeting/briefing.	PCL	Early Nov 2009	PCL
Final comments received and location of off leash dog park announced.	PCL	Mid Nov 2009	PCL



Black Mountain Peninsula

Community Engagement



Weston Park

Community Engagement

SUBJECT: Dog parks

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**Recent investments:**

- \$250,000 is provided in 2009/10 for a new off-leash dog park in Inner Canberra
- \$300,000 for off-leash dog parks at Lake Tuggeranong and Lake Ginninderra – completed in 2008/09.

**Inner Canberra Dog Park:**

- An off-leash, fenced dog park is planned for Weston Park to encourage exercise for dogs and their owners;
- 20 potential sites were assessed and a short-list of three sites in Weston Park (Yarralumla), Grevillea Park (Russell) and Black Mt Peninsula District Park (Acton) was developed.
- Community consultation has been undertaken on the short-listed sites and Canberrans have indicated a clear desire for an off-leash dog park in Weston Park.
- Feedback was received from over 200 people via on-line survey during consultation (which closed on 7 December 2009). 62% supported the Weston Park site.
- Community groups such as the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, the Dog Parks Community Reference Group, dog clubs, residents' associations and community councils were invited to complete the survey.
- The off-leash park will be built in the existing dog exercise area adjacent to Royal Canberra golf course.
- Work is expected to be complete by June 2010 and open for use in September 2010 (depending on the time needed for healthy grass establishment).

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