



**BULLER**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Te Kaunihera O Kawatiri

# Keeping of Animals Bylaw

## Submission Form



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Presenting your submission in person

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Would you prefer your contact details be withheld when submissions are made available online?

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Yes

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Submission number: Office use only



### What we are consulting on

Following community feedback, Council made changes to the proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022 after the public consultation in September/October 2022

Between 3 July and 31 July 2023 Council is consulting on these changes to the proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022.

Hearings will be held in August – September with a decision expected to be made by October.

Bylaws are discrete pieces of law created by councils that specifically apply to a district. These locally applicable forms of legislation deal with district-specific issues that are not already covered by any existing Acts of Parliament or Regulation.

#### These are the changes proposed:

##### Re-definition of urban areas:

- Only Westport, Carters Beach and Reefton are now proposed to be considered as urban areas

##### Keeping of cats in urban areas:

- reducing the number to 2 per property; and
- requiring all cats over 6 months old to be desexed, microchipped and registered with Companion Animals New Zealand.

The remainder of the proposed bylaw remains the same as the one which was consulted on in 2022.

Please take the time to read the Statement of Proposal. By doing this you bring your voice to the discussion on how animals are kept and managed in Buller, particularly for those who own cats and those who live in urban areas.



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Council proposes that the urban areas be limited to Westport (excluding the racecourse), Carters Beach; and Reefton. You can view the maps in the Statement of Proposal on Council's website or at Council's offices and libraries in Westport and Reefton, i-Sites, and resource centres across the district.

☐ Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neither agree nor disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree

Further comment:

Council proposes no person shall keep, or allow to be kept, more than TWO cats over the age of six months on any property in an urban area, except with the written approval of Council.

Any cat over six (6) months must be:

- desexed,
- microchipped and registered with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (exemptions for certified breeding animals will apply).

☐ Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neither agree nor disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree

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**Submissions are accepted during the consultation period from Monday 3 July to 4:30pm Monday 31 July 2023. Late submissions will not be considered.**



There are a number of ways you can find out more about the amendments to the proposed Keeping of Animals Bylaw (2022), get a copy of the document, or make a submission:



info@bdc.govt.nz with the subject **Animal bylaw** if you have any questions.



Visit Council's website  
<https://bullerdc.govt.nz/have-your-say/proposed-keeping-of-animals-bylaw/>

Submissions can be completed online by visiting:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AnimalsBylawReview>



Return this completed form to the mail slot at  
Council Offices in Brougham Street or the  
Reefton Service Centre.



Consultation documents and submission forms can be collected from Council's offices and libraries in Westport and Reefton, i-Sites, and resource centres across the district.