

Allow dogs to exercise off leash at Barracluff Park between 4.30 pm and 8.30 am

To the Mayor and Councillors of Waverley council:

SUBJECT OF PETITION:

Dog owners in North Bondi and Bondi Beach are not provided with any off leash areas within our suburbs and therefore are forced to drive to off leash areas such as Marks Park in Tamarama or Raleigh Reserve at Dover Heights. This is not only inconvenient and time-consuming to all dog owners but it also adds to the overall congestion problem within Waverley council especially during the peak hours in the mornings and evenings.

There are +/- 4000 households in North Bondi and Bondi Beach (~40% national average of 10,461* households) with a dog who would benefit from an off leash area within our suburbs.

Waverley Council kindly provides a total of 10 playgrounds in North Bondi and Bondi Beach benefiting 2366* kids under 10 living in North Bondi and Bondi Beach.

Further does Waverley Council provide dozens of private fitness operators and sport clubs approval to commercially use our parks.

These initiatives are great and make North Bondi/ Bondi Beach more liveable, it really is time though to start catering for residents with dogs.

We believe that dog owners should also have a fair go and be provided with off leash areas to be able to exercise our dogs sufficiently within walking distance of our homes.

ACTION REQUESTED:

We, the undersigned, petition the Mayor and Councillors of Waverley to:
Make Barracluff park an off leash exercise area between the hours of 4.30pm and 8.30am.

The proposed off leash times are in line with Marks Park in Tamarama.

We understand that at all times, dogs are not allowed within 10 metres of the playground.

Owners need to have full control of their dogs and clean up after them to keep the park nice and tidy for everyone.