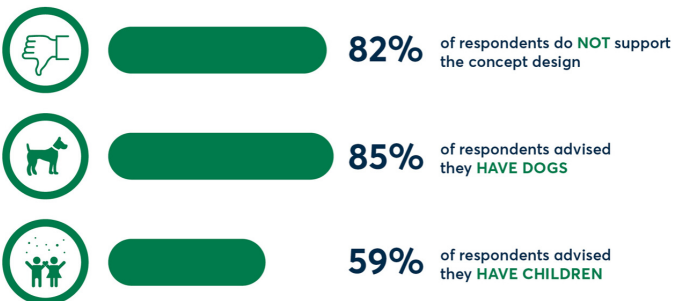


# Cowells Lane Reserve Dog Park



Council asked the community what they thought of the concept design for Cowells Lane Reserve.

## Here is what you told us



## Why you love the park

### Cowells Lane Reserve is:



**82%** of respondents said their favourite thing about the park is that **dogs exercise off-leash**

"...an important part of the mental and physical health of many users..."



**58%** of respondents advised the big, **open space** is their favourite aspect of the reserve

"Cowells lane dog park offers a unique, one of a kind dog park experience where people can enjoy an off the leash walk with their dog. There is no other place like it in Sydney where people with dogs who are a bit more on the nervous side (around other dogs) can go for a good and proper walk."

"The dog walkers who use Cowells Lane Reserve have formed a strong community."

"I can walk the whole distance of the park with my dog off leash and enjoy the natural beauty of the park and can get exercise for myself and my dog."

"The best place to walk a dog in Sydney."

"Unique and a major attraction for the area."

## Concerns the proposal raised



Restricting dogs to one area will limit fitness for humans



The off-leash area proposed in concept design is too small



Confining too many dogs within a fence may cause more incidents

## Incidents with off-leash dogs



**12%** of respondents have experienced **NEGATIVE INCIDENTS** with unleashed dogs

"My child and I have had many run ins with out of control dogs and as a result my son is now scared of all dogs..."



"I am too scared to walk there without my husband because of the amount of times I have been attacked/jumped on/yelled at by dogs and dog owners. I just want to walk in peace without having to worry about my personal safety."

### Great ideas

to increase awareness and safety at the park



More signage & in other languages



Alternative fencing options



Lighting



Paving the walking path

### Who participated



**Over 3,000** people on average saw the opportunity to provide feedback



**517** formal responses received via online survey



**133** email submissions



**20** phone calls

## Keeping you updated

We will continue to keep you updated as this project progresses via Council's engagement portal

