



THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY
CLOVER MOORE MP

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Sacha Blumen
By email blumensacha@yahoo.com.au

Dear Sacha

Dog Attack Data

I refer to your email request for data on the changes in frequency and severity of dog attacks when on-leash parks become off-leash.

There is no comprehensive, up to date, international data available; however I am able to give you information from the City of Sydney and North Sydney Councils.

The City of Sydney has only changed the status of three parks from time share off-leash to off-leash at all times. This change of status occurred in May last year following public consultation over the previous months. Council reviewed all submissions received and decided to change the off-leash status of Edmund Resch Reserve, East Redfern; Joynton Park, Zetland; and Embarkation Park, Potts Point..

Since May 2007, there have been no reports of dog attacks in any of these three parks.

During 2006/2007, the Department of Local Government only received 20 reports of dog attacks from the City.

City staff recently spoke with Mark Richardson, Manager of the City Rangers at North Sydney Council, where almost every park is off-leash at all times. Mark has held his position with North Sydney Council for over five years and reports that during this time there has been only one attack in their off-leash areas.

While the exhibition period for the off-leash proposal closes on 1 February, the City will extend the deadline for the 2011 Residents' Association Inc. to 8 February.

If you would like to speak with a Council officer about the off-leash proposal, you can contact Mark Driver, Recreation Planner, on 9265 9385 or at mdriver@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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