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Re: Submission re Council's Dog Strategy from Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society

Dear Helen,

Thank you for Council's inclusion of the Society in forwarding priorities for protecting wildlife and habitat as part of the Dog Strategy. Our priorities are ordered below (with supporting notes):

1. Signage:

LCB&CS forwarded the words '**WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**' for signage **on all bushland entrances** (irrespective of the status of 'Protection' which is related to the Companion Animals Act) as it immediately informs people entering the bushland that humans and dogs aren't the priority here. It's positive messaging

REASONING: A long-lasting sign/reminder, saves the need for a lot of other expensive education strategies (suggested below) that must be constantly reinforced to be effective with the movement of population into & out of Lane Cove.

IMAGES BELOW- There are precedents for SANCTUARY signs (see images below) at 'North Rocks' & 'Centennial Park' & I have seen it on a Cheltenham entrance into Lane Cove National Park.

2. Declaring Wildlife Protection Areas as part of the Strategy would be a priority too.

3. Enforcement/ Education:

More resources (staff) must be allocated to enforce the 'dogs on leads' policy in bushland reserves as there is so much flaunting of this and current signs, due to it not being policed or enforced for LC Council. One officer for all the reserves with other duties is clearly insufficient.

NOTE: Enforcement is the opportunity to Educate- to Talk with people who walk dogs through bush

Lack of enforcement does nothing to change the mentality of or educate those who feel the reserves are for dogs to run freely.

4. Education / & Signage

Locate 'Leash your dog' signs on Dog Poo bins (which are at the entrance to Bushland reserves).

NOTE: Leichhardt Council randomly put small A-Frames at entrances to parks - possibly an inexpensive, direct response to complaints, explaining the reasons for 'Dogs on Leads' rule too, but as they have no wildlife reserves it is not explaining about protecting wildlife, rather humans). For Lane Cove they could read i.e. "even j the smell of a dog will impact wildlife and how they move around their habitat"

Council provide resources to educate about why dogs should be on leads in bushland to:

Vets – & about how to register the dog.

Bush Kids / Every Child a Bush Experience

letters to people when registering their dog with Council

Yours sincerely,

Shauna Forrest, President,

on behalf of the Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society

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THE BIRD SANCTUARY

This area of Centennial Parklands contains **endangered bushland** known as Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub.

Centennial Parklands is working with the community to **protect and maintain** this bushland.

The fence is to protect the bushland. This area is not open to the public.

INFORMATION

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