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**To:** [DPTI:Planning Reform Submissions](#)  
**Subject:** Draft Planning & Design Code for the City of Burnside and some problems in Hazelwood Park that should be consider in new plan  
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### Re: Draft Planning & Design Code Feb. 2020

I am writing this letter in regard to reply of your letter that posted to my address recently. Also, I am writing on behalf of my wife and I regarding Hazelwood Park, pets, particularly dogs and the problems they create in Hazelwood Park.

We are the owners of an apartment adjacent to the Park: [REDACTED], Hazelwood Park 5066. We purchased the property last year and moved in several months ago. One of the reasons we decided to purchase this property was its close location to this beautiful park.

I would like to express our gratitude to the Council for the great efforts in the excellent maintenance of the park and its environmental protection and planning.

I would like to **raise four issues** again regarding the permission for pets particularly, dogs to use the park in conjunction with human being.

Also, I believe that would be great and beneficial if you build a tennis court in Hazelwood park for residents and visitors that come to this beautiful park. I have two children in age 14 and 10 and they have to go to Tusmore park for playing tennis every day that is so far from our house.

Please see attached. I sent this letter in September 2019 to the Burnside Council by post, but we didn't receive any response and feedback from the council yet!

I hope you take our matters in consideration for new plan of Burnside area in 2020.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Masoud Haji Hashemi

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**Firstly**, my family and I walk through the park most days and regularly observe dogs, large and small roaming the park without any constraint such as a leash.

On numerous occasions dogs have run past or up to us without an owner in sight giving rise to concerns about our safety and wellbeing and causing us to ward off the dog or look for its owner. Furthermore, these dogs scare, harass, attack and chase the ducks and ducklings. We

have recently noticed that the number of ducklings has reduced as I have photographed them in the pond in the centre of the park.

**Secondly**, my wife who is really afraid of dogs cannot enjoy the freedom of walking through this beautiful park. We recognise and accept pet owners need a safe place to walk their dogs. However, parks in residential suburbs are primarily developed for enjoyment and use by human beings especially children, older folk and people with disabilities. Surely it is reasonable for these dogs at the very minimum to be controlled by being on a leash.

Dogs not on leashes even if they are friendly, pose a danger to both small children and frail grown adults. Surely, it is not unreasonable to require pet owners to Control their pets by having them on a leash. Then everyone can enjoy this beautiful park. Signs should be erected on the fringes of the park in this regard.

**Thirdly**, many pet owners (not all) fail to pick up their "dogs doings" which makes a horrible mess, contaminates the park lawns and causes a real problem

for the casual, inattentive, short sighted walker in the park. This requires signs and disposable bag stations.

**Fourthly and finally**, I have observed some visitors to the park feed the ducks around the pond in the centre of the park leaving food scraps which attracts other feral and native animals which defecate and create a mess around the edges of the pond. May I suggest the Council erect signs with "NO FEEDING THE DUCKS".

May I conclude by saying that such beautiful parks have been constructed and maintained primarily for the benefit of human beings-people. Consequently,

the primary objective for use of the park should be people of all ages etc. Pets such as dogs should be a secondary consideration with people's safety and wellbeing foremost in the Councils considerations and rulings. I do hope the park can become a truly peoples place to relax and enjoy without attacks from energetic dogs.

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**My kind regards,**

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