Dog Exercise Area Regional Plan and Network Blueprint 2025

FACT SHEET

Changes to Stumers beach

December 2025

What is the Dog Exercise Area Regional Plan and Network Blueprint

The Dog Exercise Area Regional Plan and Network Blueprint is a 20 year strategy developed by Council to guide the location, management and improvement of dog exercise areas across the region over the next 20 years.

It aims to balance the needs of dog owners and non-dog owners with community safety, environmental protection and cultural values while responding to the region's growing dog population.

The plan is based on extensive community consultation and uses evidence-based research to determine where dogs can be off-leash, on-leash or prohibited across the region's beaches, foreshores, parks and reserves.

Key changes include updated boundaries for dog access on specific beaches, clearer signage, and new or adjusted off-leash areas. The Blueprint ensures fair access, supports responsible dog ownership, and aligns with council's broader management goals for public spaces.

What changes are being made to Stumers Beach?

Visitors arriving by car or walking their pets past the carpark at beach access 69, must keep dogs on-leash until they are at least 10 metres beachside of the carpark. This measure improves safety for pedestrians and vehicles.

Additional signage, maps and education will be provided to ensure dog access provisions are clearly marked and understood.

Why are these changes being made to Stumers Beach?

This change helps keep beachgoers and dogs safe while reducing conflict in this busy area.

community input highlighted the importance of maintaining the site's character, so only minor changes will occur.

Where can I walk my dog? How can I see the changes?

There is 3.1km of off-leash beach to continue to walk your dog between beach access 67 and beach access 72.

To view the changes, visit Council's detailed maps via the website.

When do these changes come into effect?

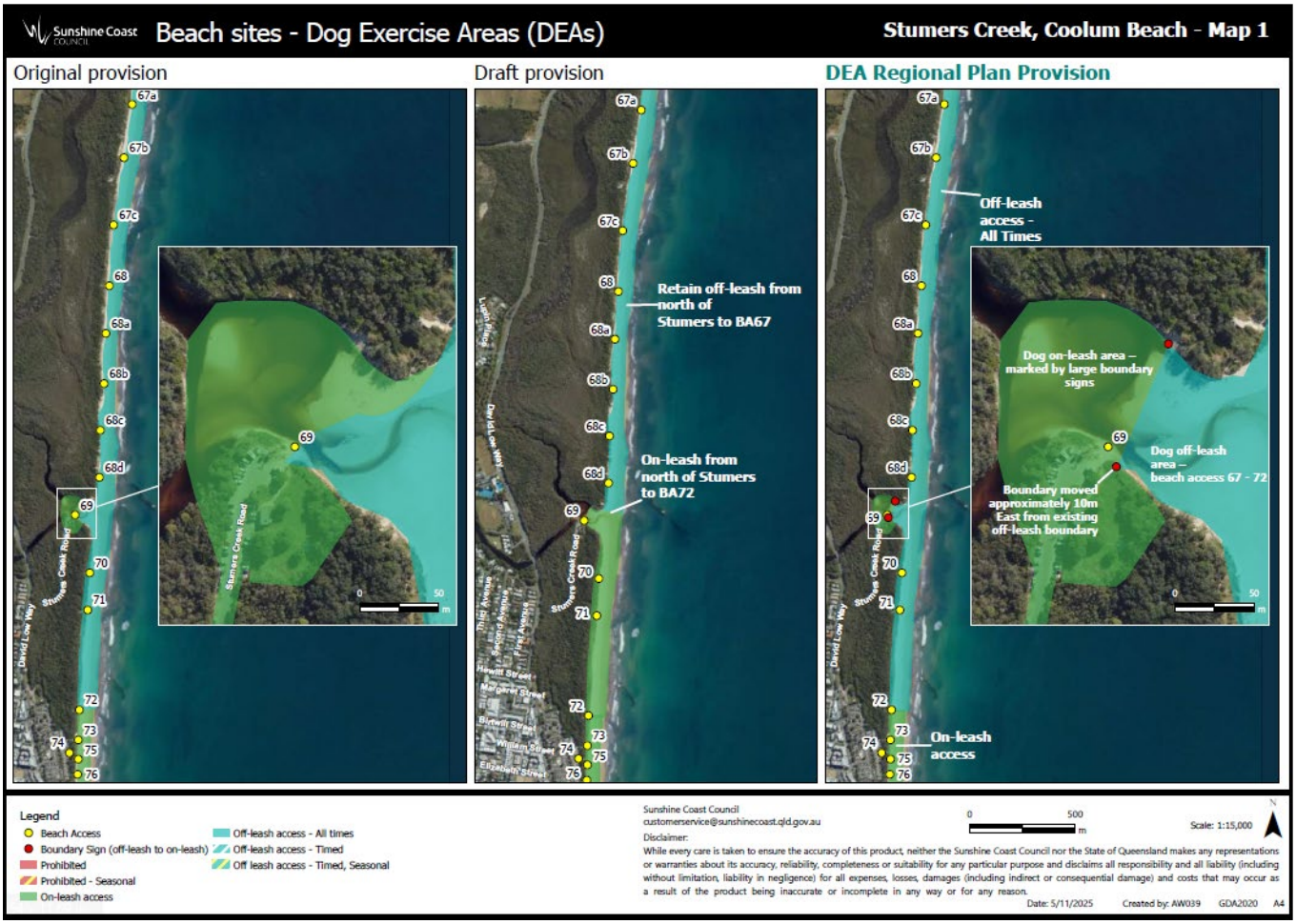
Council will begin delivering the action plan in stages, subject to funding and annual budget processes.

Before any changes to dog access can go ahead, the subordinate local law needs to be updated. This will happen in 2026 and the community will be kept updated throughout the process.

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Where can I view the changes?

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