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DEAR RESIDENT

RE: SHOREBIRD CONSERVATION AND RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

The Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) has a legislated responsibility to protect wildlife including birds on beaches under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* and the *National Parks & Reserves Management Act 2002*.

The Agency has worked with the Break O'Day Council to develop a Dog Management Policy that aims to provide an equitable balance between providing areas for dog owners to enjoy with their dogs and areas where certain rules apply to protect our valued wildlife.

Dog owners are expected to understand, and manage their dog in accordance with, the requirements of the Dog Management Policy and the designated Dog Management Zones. This means respecting the on-lead areas and dog prohibited zones on beaches. These zones can be quickly checked using the QR code below and are in most instances marked by signage. Failure to comply can result in a fine and PWS Rangers will be undertaking compliance patrols in the area.



Our beaches provide year-round habitat for a range of birds, as the included '*Beach Nesting Birds - Fighting for Survival*' brochure explains. Sadly, many of these birds are declining in numbers and are now threatened species. Providing them with the space to share our beaches is critical for their survival.

Unfortunately, some dog owners ignore the Dog Management Zones causing unnecessary disturbance to these birds impacting on their breeding success. Please take the time to read and share the information in the attached brochure, which includes tips on how you can help support the survival of these feathered East Coast residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

REGIONAL MANGER – NORTH
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