

Purpose

This policy establishes clear guidelines for the application, approval, and management of dogs and Other Domestic Animals that are fed and kept by a person on Hamilton Island, including Hamilton Island Marina (**Hamilton Island**). This policy aims to ensure the safety, well-being, and enjoyment of all residents, visitors, and wildlife on Hamilton Island by maintaining high environmental and residential standards.

Scope

This policy applies to all residents, guests, and any person who works for Hamilton Island Enterprises Limited or its related entities or subsidiaries (**HIE**) on Hamilton Island and who intends to bring, house, or transport dogs or Other Domestic Animals, whether temporarily or permanently.

Policy

Dogs or Other Domestic Animals are not permitted on Hamilton Island, without prior approval from HIE. Approval must be sought in any of the following circumstances:

- a) Dogs transiting through the Great Barrier Reef Airport;
- b) Dogs staying temporarily on Hamilton Island or on a vessel within the Marina (see also separate Marina Rules available at <https://www.hamiltonisland.com.au/HamiltonIsland/media/PDF-Files/Marina/Marina-Rules.pdf>); or
- c) Dogs, or other domestic animals including lizards, snakes, birds and fish (**Other Domestic Animals**), permanently residing on Hamilton Island.

For the purpose of this policy cats are not considered Other Domestic Animals and are not permitted to reside temporarily or permanently on Hamilton Island or on a vessel within the Marina under any circumstances.

Permanent permits will only be issued to owners who reside on Hamilton Island and who own a standalone dwelling that meets the criteria set out by HIE in the application process. Permits are issued at HIE's discretion and in accordance with the *Whitsunday Regional Council's Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2014 (Local Laws)*. Under no circumstances will permits be issued to those who fall under a common property company (sometimes referred to as body corporates), reside within multi dwelling complex or a lot that has more than one property or dwelling.

Transiting Permits

A transiting permit is required for dogs to transit through the Great Barrier Reef Airport. In accordance with the attached Zoning Map, transiting dogs are only permitted within the area marked in yellow.

This permit is required for dogs that will be leaving Hamilton Island immediately on the same day as arrival on an onward journey, which may entail catching a connecting ferry to the mainland; boarding a flight; or boarding a private boat which will be departing Hamilton Island on the same day as arrival.

If the dog will be staying on Hamilton Island, including staying on a private boat berthed at Hamilton Island Marina, then a temporary permit will also be required.

Virgin Australia allow dogs to be carried on their planes from and to Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. The airlines will not permit dogs to travel unless they receive a transit permit from HIE.

Temporary and Permanent Permits

A temporary permit is required when a dog stays with its owner on Hamilton Island or aboard a vessel berthed at Hamilton Island Marina for a short period not exceeding seven (7) days. If the temporary permit

has lapsed before renewal then owners must remove the dog and reapply. Renewal is not guaranteed and HIE reserves the right to deny the permit. Only three (3) dogs are permitted in the Hamilton Island Marina at any one time. Please refer to the Hamilton Island Marina temporary animal permit terms and conditions for further information.

A permanent permit is required when the dog or Other Domestic Animal and its owner reside permanently on Hamilton Island.

Approval for both temporary and permanent permits is the responsibility of HIE acting in accordance with Local Laws. Considerations in determining whether a dog may visit or reside on Hamilton Island include but are not limited to:

- a) species;
- b) the dog must weigh less than 10kg when fully grown;
- c) sex;
- d) age;
- e) the locality in which the dog is to be kept (see above building restrictions);
- f) the nature of the premises in which the dog is to be kept;
- g) the dog must be considered a non-aggressive and quiet breed; and
- h) the dog must be at least 12 weeks old, and proof of up-to-date vaccinations must be provided at the time of application.

Other Domestic Animals are eligible for permanent permit consideration only (not temporary) and at the discretion of HIE.

Properties falling within the map area (**Resort Zone**) are not eligible for permits. Dogs are unable to go to the areas located on the attached map.

To ensure consistency in handling requests related to dogs and Other Domestic Animals, all inquiries should be directed to civilservices@hamiltonisland.com.au. Applicants will be asked to provide relevant information and documentation as necessary to process the application, and notifications will be sent to the applicable departments for review.

Guide and Assistance Dogs

In accordance with the law, the following dogs are exempt from this policy:

- a) guide dogs;
- b) assistance dogs (other than guide dogs), provided that the dog:
 - i. is under effective control;
 - ii. is not classified as a regulated dog; and
 - iii. is not in heat; and
- c) dogs owned by the Queensland Police Service or by any employee, contractor, or agent of the Queensland Police Service, under the control of the dog's handler.

Please [contact civilservices@hamiltonisland.com.au](mailto:civilservices@hamiltonisland.com.au) to arrange a permit, which will automatically be granted in the abovementioned circumstances for dogs exempt from this policy.

Staff Accommodation Approvals

Prior approval to have a dog or Other Domestic Animal in staff accommodation must be obtained from HIE by contacting civilservices@hamiltonisland.com.au. If approval is granted, owners will be provided with the procedures for having a dog or Other Domestic Animal, enabling HIE to trace the owner of a dog or Other Domestic Animal should they escape.

Applications for Other Domestic Animals that are kept in a cage or tank may be approved for residents that have sole occupancy of their accommodation and reside in low-density areas. All cages and tanks must be kept in the Other Domestic Animal owner's room and not in common areas.

Applicants must provide relevant paperwork to support their application as some Other Domestic Animals may require the owner to hold a licence or form of approval from the Local or Queensland Government. If this documentation is not provided at the time of the application, then the application will be declined.

Owners of dogs or Other Domestic Animals permitted to reside in staff accommodation are provided with a laminated animal permit which contains a photo of the animal. Owners are required to secure the permit to the inside of the cupboard below the kitchen sink.

Staff Accommodation Management must be notified where circumstances change regarding dogs or Other Domestic Animals residing in staff accommodation so that the staff accommodation approvals list can be kept up to date. Staff Accommodation Management will advise Island Security if they find an unapproved dog or Other Domestic Animal. Unapproved dogs or Other Domestic Animals may result in warnings or removal of the right to reside in staff accommodation.

Restriction on number of Dogs

As set out in the attached Zoning Map prepared in accordance with Local Laws, no more than four dogs over the age of three months can reside in the green area. The Zoning Map also sets out HIE's requirements. Any historical issues in relation to this limit will be remedied directly between HIE and the Whitsunday Regional Council.

HIE liaises directly with the Whitsunday Regional Council regarding registrations required and will notify the owners accordingly.

Please check <https://www.hamiltonisland.com.au/community-and-development/community-facilities/domestic-animals> to confirm HIE's capacity for dogs on Hamilton Island and whether the limit has been reached.

Dent Island

There are strict dogs and Other Domestic Animal restrictions on Dent Island in accordance with environment laws and regulations. Under no circumstances are any dogs or Other Domestic Animals allowed on Dent Island at any time.

Disciplinary Action

In the event there is an unauthorised dog or dog attack incident on Hamilton Island, HIE will liaise with the Whitsunday Regional Council regarding enforcement action under the *Whitsunday Regional Council Local Laws No.1 (Administration) 2014* and *Whitsunday Regional Council Local Law No.2 (Animal Management)*

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2014 (**Local Law**) and *the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 (Act)*. Enforcement and disciplinary action of the Whitsunday Regional Council may include but is not limited to:

- a) Investigation and Enforcement: under the Local Law and Act authorised persons have powers to investigate, monitor and enforce compliance.
- b) Compliance Notices: compliance notices can be issued, requiring the owner to remove the dog from Hamilton Island within a specific time. Failure to comply can lead to further enforcement action.
- c) Fines: if a compliance notice is issued requiring the removal of a prohibited dog and the owner does not comply, they may face monetary penalties.

This policy is made in accordance with the Local Law established and enforced by the Whitsunday Regional Council, which HIE is required to comply with. In particular, it adheres to the provisions outlined in the Local Law which governs the keeping, control, and management of animals within the local region.

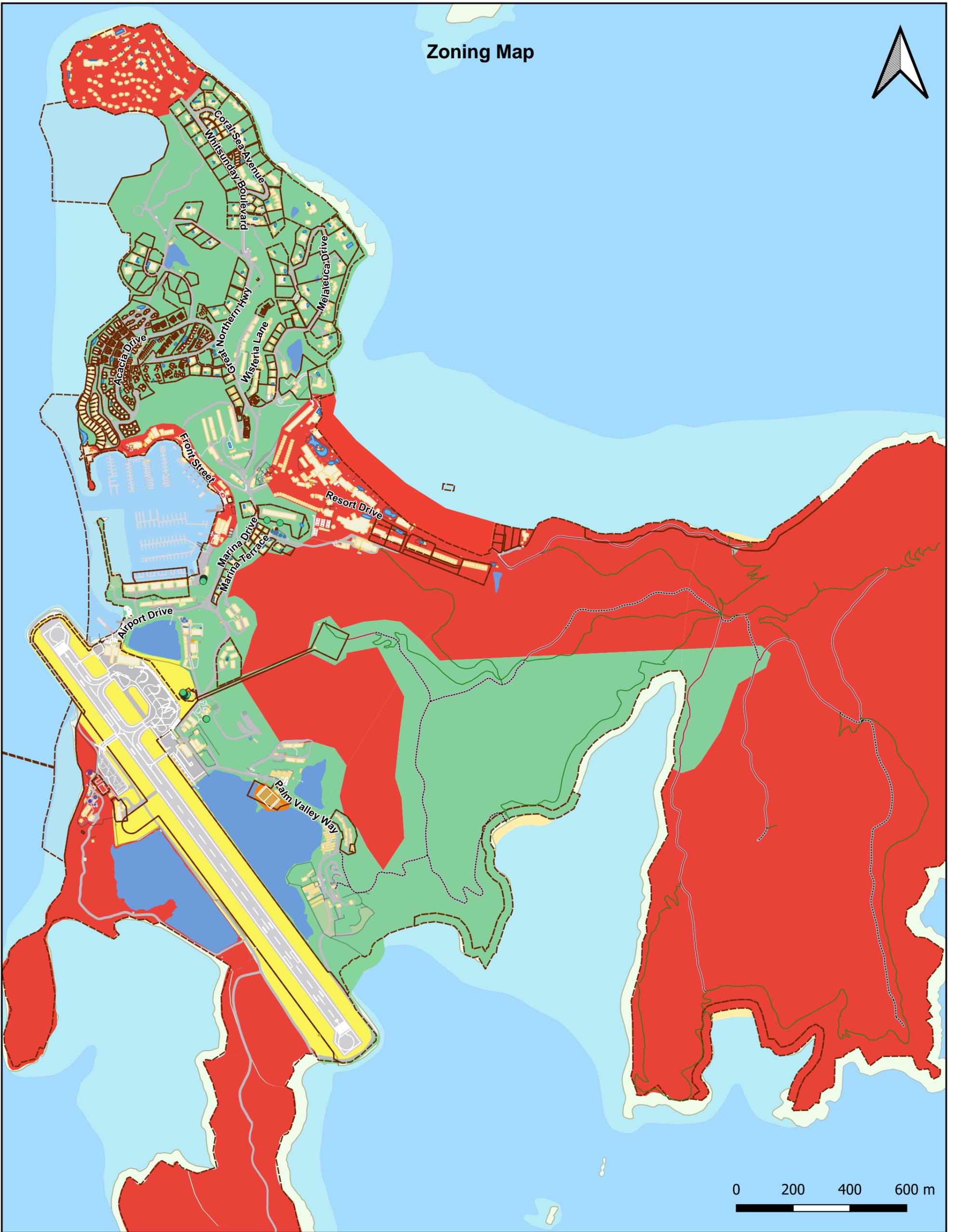
The terms of subleases and Hamilton Island and Dent Island Rules and Regulations also outline requirements and consequences for non-compliance implemented by HIE.

Document Approval

Approved by: General Manager Civil Services and Operations

Updated: January 2025

Zoning Map



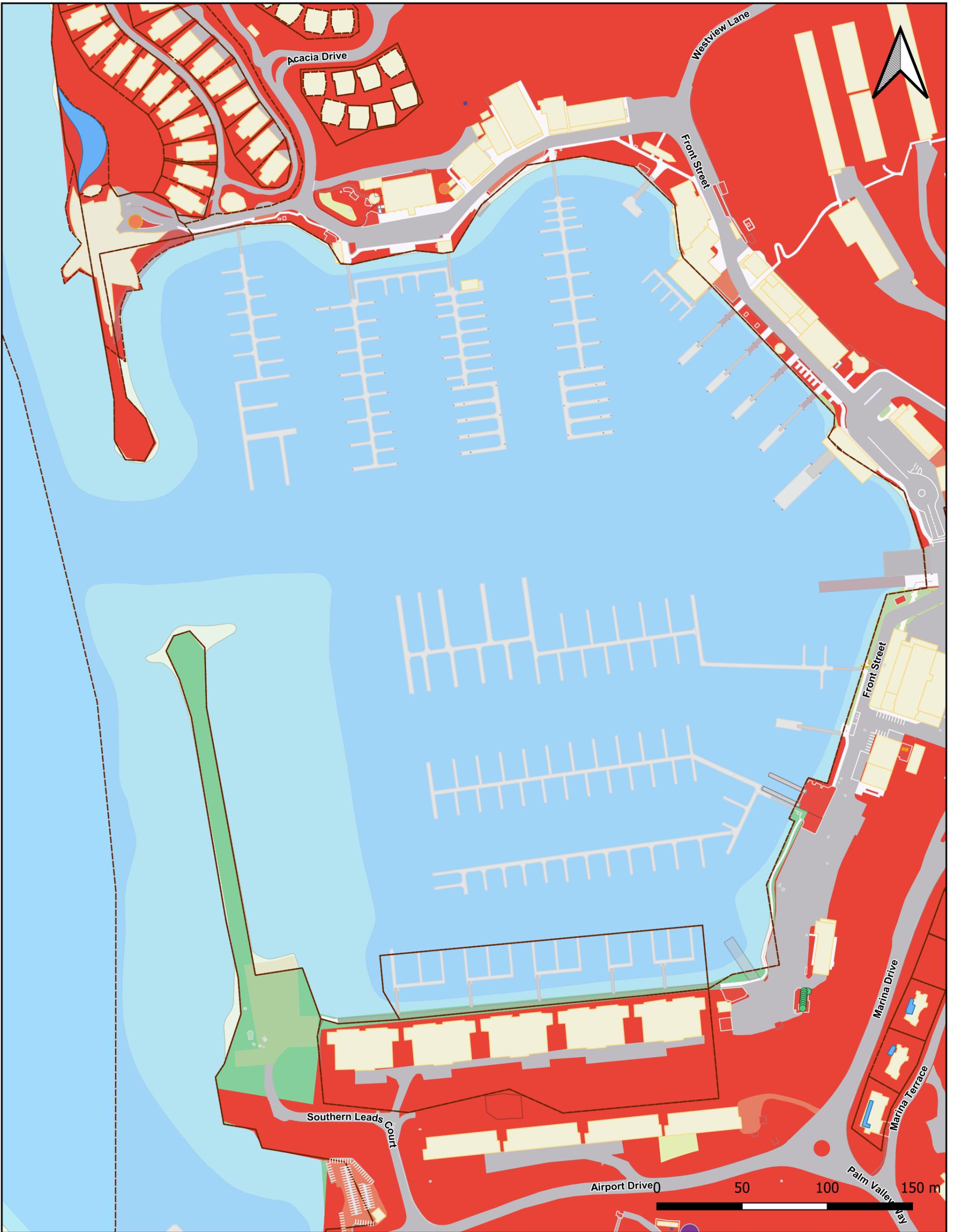
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This note is an integral part of this plan.
For further information contact the HIE GIS Department on 07 4946 8631

Hamilton Island Zones

- Dog Off Leash Area (Oval)
- Approved On Lead Area
- Approved Transitting Dogs Only (Airport)
- No Dogs Permitted

HAMILTON ISLAND DOG & ANIMAL POLICY MAP

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HAMILTON ISLAND
GREAT BARRIER REEF AUSTRALIA

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Hamilton Island Zones

- Approved On Lead Area (Southern Leads Beach)
- No Dogs Permitted

**HAMILTON ISLAND MARINA
DOG & ANIMAL POLICY MAP**

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