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Franklin Local Board specific issues

Issue	Current approach	Proposed approach relevant to local board area	Rationale
Road corridor weeds	Informal agreement with Auckland Transport to manage weeds on specified roads.	Road corridor enforcement targeted to buffers around site-led programmes to maximise effectiveness.	Management of road corridor weeds in buffer zones around site-led programmes will prevent reinvasion of selected pest plants in areas under pest plant management.
The issue of weeds on council land (and the need to control them more effectively if the public are asked to control their own weeds)	Region-wide approach to pest plant management, including enforcement of selected widespread pest plants in response to complaints.	Site-led programme for parks with significant ecological areas to manage a suite of up to 30 pest plants to an extent that protects the values of the parkland.	Council to lead by example on own land. Site-focused approach will enable more intensive management of pest plants to better protect priority ecosystems and threatened species.
Feral deer	Management programme focussed on preventing the establishment of feral deer in areas currently free of them including the Hunua Ranges, and to minimise adverse effects of feral deer in significant ecological areas.	Progressive containment across region, prioritising exclusion programme for the Hunua Ranges.	Similar management approach to exclude feral deer from the Hunua Ranges.
Feral goats	To manage feral goat population levels in significant ecological areas and buffer areas, and to prevent establishment of feral goats in areas of ecological significance within the Auckland region.	Site-led programme for Hunua Ranges. Tighten controls on owned goats by specifying acceptable breeds, fencing and identification requirements.	Similar management approach for feral goats in Hunua Ranges. Tightening controls on owned goats will provide greater clarity for council staff and contractors in regards to management.
Feral pigs	Enhanced control of feral pigs in areas of high conservation value.	Site-led programmes for priority parks with significant ecological areas, to manage feral pigs to an extent that protects the values of these places.	Similar management approach to enhance control in significant ecological areas.

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Freshwater pest fish (such as koi carp)	A suite of freshwater fauna declared pests in the Auckland region or within high conservation water bodies and their catchments.	Continued inclusion of pest status in proposed Regional Pest Management Plan. Increased public awareness around pathway management for freshwater pest fish across the region. Provision of information and advice on pest identification, impacts and control.	Increased public awareness around pathway management for freshwater pest fish across the region to mitigate deliberate and accidental human-mediated spread of pest species between water bodies.
Marine pests	Currently managed as unwanted organisms under the Biosecurity Act and through provisions in the Unitary Plan.	Development of an inter-regional marine pathway management plan to manage spread of marine pests.	To increase collaboration and consistency between partners that have a statutory responsibility for preventing, reducing or eliminating adverse effects of marine pests that are present within the top of the North Island region.
Kauri dieback disease	Kauri dieback disease currently managed as an unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act, the Unitary Plan and national best practice guidelines.	Exclusion programme with pathway management rules to prevent the establishment of kauri dieback in high priority kauri dieback-free zones, including the Hunua Ranges.	Inclusion in the proposed plan will provide enable better statutory backing to manage Kauri dieback disease and enable implementation of regionally specific pathway management rules.
A desire for more education around pests	Provision of information and advice on pest identification, impacts and control, and communications around pathway management for a suite of species.	Provision of information and advice on pest identification, impacts and control, and increased communications around pathway management for a suite of species.	To encourage community, landowner and householder action and behaviour change to control pests, create natural habitats and prevent environmental degradation.
The importance of community pest control	Provision of advice and support to community groups undertaking pest control, with priority given to activity in or around biodiversity focus areas and taking advantage of defensible landscape features such as islands and peninsulas.	Provision of advice and support to community groups undertaking pest control, with priority given to activity in or around biodiversity focus areas and taking advantage of defensible landscape features such as islands and peninsulas. The plan will support the Pest Free Auckland initiative, which focuses on community empowerment.	To amplify, recognise and support community activity around biodiversity focus areas and provide community empowerment, upskilling and networking opportunities through the Pest Free Auckland initiative.