

Attachment C: Feedback form

Waiheke Local Board feedback on pest management approaches proposed for the Regional Pest Management Plan.

Issue	Proposed Approach	Supports Y/N	Comment
Cats	<p>To continue management of cats in areas of high biodiversity value as part of integrated pest control but potentially for an increased number of sites.</p> <p>To provide greater certainty cats will be defined as pests in these circumstances if they are not able to be identified by microchip or other means as being owned.</p> <p>Cats will continue to be controlled on areas of public land where threatened species are being protected (regardless of whether they are owned or unowned). Example sites: the open sanctuaries and kōkako/kiwi management area in the Hunua Ranges.</p>		
Possums	Landscape scale progressive containment programme to manage possums. Rural management would be integrated with management in high value biodiversity areas. This could be achieved using a targeted rate across rural Auckland.		
Widespread pest plants	Site-led programme for parks with significant ecological areas to manage a suite of up to 30 pest plants per site to an extent that protects the values of the parkland. Includes use of rules in buffer areas around parkland.		
New ban of sale	Phasing out the sale of approximately 50 new plant pests and 13 new animal pests in addition to those currently identified.		
Weeds on council land	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.		
Feral pigs, rodents, mustelids	<p>Eradication programmes for feral pigs and stoats on Waiheke Island.</p> <p>Costing of eradication programme for rats on Waiheke Island.</p> <p>Provision of advice and support to community groups undertaking pest control.</p> <p>Enhanced investment in pathway management to prevent reinvasions within the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area.</p>		
Marine pests and protection of the Hauraki Gulf	Development of an inter-regional marine pathway management plan to manage spread of marine pests.		
Kauri dieback disease	Exclusion programme with pathway management rules to prevent the establishment of kauri dieback in high priority kauri dieback-free zones, including the Hunua Ranges.		
More education around pests	Provision of information and advice on pest identification, impacts and control, and increased communications around pathway management for a suite of species.		
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. The plan will support the Pest Free Auckland initiative, which focuses on community empowerment.		