

Attachment C: Feedback form

Devonport-Takapuna 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 kokako/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.		
Wallabies	Region-wide eradication programme, comprised of two components:		

	<p>1) multi-species eradication of wallabies, rats and possums on Kawau.</p> <p>2) incursion response programme for the remainder of the region to protect current wallaby-free status.</p>		
Pest birds	Education and advice. Note that all gulls are native species, and red-billed gulls are nationally threatened, with threat status "At-risk (declining)". Staff can provide education and advice on managing human/wildlife conflict.		
Rats	Site-led programmes for parks with significant ecological areas and the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area, to manage rodents to an extent that protects the values of these places. Enhanced pathway management to protect islands. Sustained control programme for the remainder of the region focusing on support for community pest control initiatives.		
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 and Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area.		
Priority sites – Lake Pupuke, coastal beaches, coastal shellbanks	Site-led programmes for priority parks with significant ecological areas, including coastal areas, to manage pest species to an extent that protects the values of these places. Pathway management for freshwater pest species to protect freshwater ecosystems. Support for community pest control initiatives.		
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		

	<p>advantage of defensible landscape features such as islands and peninsulas. The plan will support the Pest Free Auckland initiative, which focuses on community empowerment.</p>		
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