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Great Barrier Local Board specific issues

Issue	Current approach	Proposed approach relevant to local board area	Rationale
Multi-species pest animal eradication	Pest animal programmes are focused on localized high value site- and species-specific management and are not integrated across the whole island.	<p>The strategic front section of the proposed plan to be used to signal the intent of working closely alongside the Great Barrier community, mana whenua and Department of Conservation to explore long-term options for island-wide multi-species pest animal management to protect the special values of the island.</p> <p>In the interim, proposed statutory programmes in the plan will represent a continuation of current management approach (see also other sections of this report for specifics).</p>	While there is widespread recognition of the outstanding natural values of Aotea-Great Barrier, there are a range of different views on the island regarding the potential risks and benefits of multi-species pest animal eradication. Therefore, rather than applying statutory rules, the plan will address the issue through a strategic statement.
Rabbits	Providing information, advice and referral services to landowners who wish to control rabbits on their land. Support for community pest control initiatives.	<p>Current approach, plus addition of good neighbor rule requiring landowner control on complaints basis to reduce impacts on neighboring properties. Would apply to crown land as well as other land tenure classes.</p> <p>In strategic introductory section of pest management plan, intent of working closely alongside the Great Barrier community, mana whenua and Department of Conservation to explore long-term options for island-wide multi-species pest animal management to protect the special values of the island.</p>	To prevent unreasonable impacts on neighboring properties.
Decline in birdsong	Cats and rats managed through some site-led management and support for community pest control. Pathway management to prevent	<p>Current approach with some enhanced investment.</p> <p>In strategic introductory section of pest</p>	The current approach will likely only achieve a managed decline in bird song, however it seeks to balance the need to mitigate pest impacts

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	incursions of new predators such as stoats.	management plan, intent of working closely alongside the Great Barrier community, mana whenua and Department of Conservation to explore long-term options for island-wide multi-species pest animal management to protect the special values of the island.	alongside Great Barrier Island community concerns about possible alternative management approaches. The strategic front end of the plan is an opportunity to signal the strategic importance of the island's biodiversity into the future.
Protection of the Hauraki/pathway management	Pathway management for a selection of pest plants, pathogens and animals within the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area.	Enhancement of pathway management for kauri dieback and a selection of pest plants, pathogens and animals within the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area.	Current approach has been effective for some species but needs to be enhanced investment to prevent repeated incursions of pests such as Argentine ants.
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)	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.
Integrated management of pests	Regional Pest Management plan has pest-led approach.	Elevated pest status for a wide range of pest plants and animals on the island, recognizing the island's special values, defendability, and the need for integrated management.	New plan framework still requires pest-led (species-by-species) structure, but species can be grouped together by geographic location to achieve integrated outcomes.
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	Provision of advice and support to community groups undertaking pest control, with priority given to activity in or around biodiversity focus	To amplify, recognise and support community activity around biodiversity focus areas and provide

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	activity in or around biodiversity focus areas and taking advantage of defendable landscape features such as islands and peninsulas.	areas and taking advantage of defendable landscape features such as islands and peninsulas. The plan will support the Pest Free Auckland initiative, which focuses on community empowerment.	community empowerment, upskilling and networking opportunities through the Pest Free Auckland initiative.
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