

Attachment C: Feedback form

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

Issue	Proposed Approach	Supports Y/N	Comment
Multi-species pest animal eradication	<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>		
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.		
Road corridor weeds	Road corridor enforcement targeted to buffers around site-led programmes to maximise effectiveness.		
Rabbits	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. In strategic introductory section of pest management plan, signal 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.		
Decline in birdsong	Current approach with some enhanced investment. In strategic introductory section of pest management plan, signal 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.		
Protection of the Hauraki Gulf/pathway management	Enhancement of pathway management for kauri dieback and a selection of pest plants, pathogens and animals within the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area.		

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.		
Integrated management of pests	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.		
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 defendable landscape features such as islands and peninsulas. The plan will support the Pest Free Auckland initiative, which focuses on community empowerment.		