

Attachment B  
Howick Local Board specific issues

Issue	Current approach	Proposed approach relevant to local board area	Rationale
Rodents and mustelids	Enhanced control of rodents and mustelids in areas of high conservation value.	Site-led programmes for priority parks with significant ecological areas (including coastal parks in the Howick local board area such as Mangemango Reserve) and the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area, to manage rodents and mustelids to an extent that protects the values of these places. Sustained control programme for the remainder of the region focusing on support for community pest control initiatives.	Similar to current management approach but with enhanced investment in control in significant ecological areas.
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 defendable 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 defendable 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.