

Attachment C: Feedback form

Howick 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 (including coastal parks in the Howick local board area such as Mangemangeroa Reserve) 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.		
Rodents and Mustelids	Site-led programmes for parks with significant ecological areas (including coastal parks in the Howick		

	local board area such as Mangemangeroa Reserve) and the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area, to manage rodents and mustelids 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.		
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.		