

Attachment B
Kaipātiki Local Board specific issues

| Issue | Current approach | Proposed approach relevant to local board area | Rationale |
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| Pest birds (Pigeons) | Education and advice. | Education and advice. | Continue current management approach. |
| Wallabies (Kawau Island) | Current Regional Pest Management Strategy provides for eradication of wallabies as stand-alone operation, not encompassing other mammals such as rats and possums. Eradication has not been actioned over the course of the strategy. | Region-wide eradication programme, comprised of two components: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) multi-species eradication of wallabies, rats and possums on Kawau. 2) incursion response programme for the remainder of the region to protect current wallaby-free status. | To protect the ecological and economic values of Kawau Island, and the wallaby-free status of other islands and the mainland. Multi-species approach for eradication on Kawau offers better mitigation of interactions among pests, to prevent adverse outcomes such as an increase in rats following removal of wallabies. |
| Rodents | Control of rodents in areas of high conservation value. Support for community pest control initiatives. Pathway management to prevent incursions on islands. | 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. | Similar to current management approach but with enhanced investment in pathway management and control in significant ecological areas. |
| Kauri dieback | Kauri dieback disease currently managed as an unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act, the Unitary Plan and national best practice guidelines. | Exclusion programme with pathway management rules to prevent the establishment of kauri dieback in high priority kauri dieback-free zones, comprised of the Hunua Ranges and Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area. Sustained control programme for the remainder of the region with pathway management rules to prevent the spread of kauri dieback to healthy kauri throughout the region. | Inclusion in the proposed plan will provide better statutory backing to manage kauri dieback disease and enable implementation of regionally specific pathway management rules. The proposed exclusion zones have taken into account defendable geography and human population and movement patterns. Disease-free stands in the Kaipatiki area will still be a priority for protection |

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| | | | through the Sustained Control programme. |
| Biocontrol | Biological control programme focused on identifying and releasing suitable biological control agents for priority pest plants. | Enhanced biological control programme focused on identifying and releasing in greater numbers pre-existing and new biological control agents for an increased number of priority pest plants. | To reduce the impact of widespread pest plants. |
| 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. |