

Attachment B  
Upper Harbour Local Board specific issues

Issue	Current approach	Proposed approach relevant to local board area	Rationale
Rabbits	Providing information, advice and referral services to landowners who wish to control rabbits on their land. Support for community pest control initiatives.	Current approach, plus addition of good neighbor rule requiring landowner control on receipt of complaint by affected neighbour, to reduce impacts on neighboring properties.	To prevent unreasonable impacts on neighboring properties.
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, including Hauraki Gulf Islands and the Hunua Ranges. 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 enable better statutory backing to manage Kauri dieback disease and enable implementation of regionally specific pathway management rules.
Chickens (dumping of)	Not managed under the current Regional Pest Management Strategy. Dumping poultry illegal under the Animal Welfare Act.	Not managed under the proposed Regional Pest Management Plan. Dumping poultry illegal under the Animal Welfare Act.	Not applicable.
Mynas	Provision of education and advice on myna control. Support for community pest control initiatives.	Provision of education and advice on myna control. Support for community pest control initiatives.	Continuation of current management approach.
Rats	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 priority 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.
Wallabies	Current Regional Pest	Region-wide eradication programme,	To protect the ecological and

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	<p>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.</p>	<p>comprised of two components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) multi-species eradication of wallabies, rats and possums on Kawau.</li><li>2) incursion response programme for the remainder of the region to protect current wallaby-free status.</li></ol>	<p>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.</p>
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