

Attachment B
Waitākere Ranges Local Board specific issues

Issue	Current approach	Proposed approach relevant to local board area	Rationale
Feral pigs	Enhanced control of feral pigs in areas of high conservation value.	Site-led programmes for priority parks with significant ecological areas, including the Waitākere Ranges, to manage feral pigs to an extent that protects the values of these places and reduce feral pig-mediated spread of kauri dieback.	Similar management approach to enhance control in significant ecological areas.
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 defensible geography and human population and movement patterns. Track maintenance and enhanced hygiene measures to prevent further spread in the including the Waitākere Ranges will still be a priority through the Sustained Control programme.

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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.
Weeds on Council land	Enforcement of selected widespread pest plants in response to complaints.	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.	Council to lead by example on own land. Site-focused approach will enable more intensive management of pest plants to better protect priority ecosystems and threatened species.
North West Wildlink - seed spread due to larger bird populations and impact on pest plants	Collaboration with other organisations and communities to create safe, connected and healthy habitats for native wildlife across Auckland.	Integrated predator pest management to restore and improve biodiversity outcomes (e.g. increased native bird populations) will be complimented with a multiple species site-led programme focused on managing widespread weeds in sites with significant ecological areas such as the North West Wildlink.	To ensure any increase in weed seed dispersal through increased bird populations will be managed though management of widespread weeds in sites of significant ecological priority and surrounding buffer areas on private land
Road corridor weeds	Informal agreement with Auckland Transport to manage weeds on specified roads.	Road corridor enforcement targeted to buffers around site-led programmes to maximise effectiveness.	Management of road corridor weeds in buffer zones around site-led programmes will prevent reinvasion of selected pest plants in areas under pest plant management.
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.

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<p>The importance of community pest control</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>