

Memorandum

To: Waiheke Local Board

From: Darren Cunningham – Senior Land Use Advisor, Land Advisory Services, Auckland Council

Date: 05/10/17

Subject: Land Owner Approval request for the installation of informative biosecurity signage.

1. Purpose

To obtain support from the Waiheke Local Board to the Manager Land Advisory Services to issue landowner approval to the applicant, Council's Biosecurity team, for the installation of informative biosecurity signage at high use recreational boat ramps, wharves and jetties on multiple sites within the Waiheke Local Board area.

2. Applicant's proposal

Council has received a land owner approval application from Council's Biosecurity team to affix Auckland Council and Ministry for Primary Industries marine biosecurity informative signage at high-use recreational boat ramps, wharves and jetties across on multiple sites within the Waiheke Local Board area, as shown in the attached document. The signs aim to raise awareness of marine biosecurity issues including the risk of spreading marine pests. The placement of signs will be site-specific and will utilise existing infrastructure to affix to.

All locations will have the attached 'marine biosecurity sign' installed, and some locations will also require the 'marine pest found in this harbour' sign to be installed to alert boat users to the presence of a high-risk marine pest species that is only known to be found at these sites in Auckland. These areas are high priority leading to spring when the species becomes obvious again and is highly likely to spread to other parts of the region.

The attachment shows all locations where the 'marine biosecurity sign' will be installed, with those locations also having a 'marine pest found in this harbour' sign also to be installed listed at the bottom of the document.

The signage will be installed along with other biosecurity messages at the location (if present) and will take into account safety (i.e. not blocking sight lines at boat ramps) and aesthetics.

The 'marine biosecurity sign' will be 600x800mm or 1200x900 in size depending on the suitability of the location and the 'marine pest found at this harbour' will be 420x297mm (A3 size).

3. Recommended conditions

Standard conditions will be placed on any land owner approval issued, including regarding health and safety, reinstatement of any damage done to park land, removal of any debris and rubbish, requirement for continued maintenance of the sign, and that the signs must be affixed to existing infrastructure.

4. Analysis

Overall, the applicant's proposal is considered to be acceptable to the Community Facilities Department because;

- The proposed works will not impact on the public use of, or access to, the areas subject to the signage.
- The signs will be affixed to existing infrastructure
- The signs will provide informative biosecurity signage to users of the proposed signage locations.

5. Options

- a) Accept the Land Owner Approval. This is the recommended option given the minor scale of the works and any potential effects of the works being able to be mitigated by conditions placed on the land owner approval letter. Furthermore the proposed signs provide important information to marine users regarding marine biosecurity.
- b) Reject the Land owner Approval application. This option is not recommended as it will not allow the signs to be erected.

6. Recommendation

That the Waiheke Local Board has been consulted and:

- a) Support the landowner application from Council's Biosecurity team, for the installation of informative biosecurity signage at high use recreational boat ramps, wharves and jetties on multiple sites.

- b) Support the Manager Land Advisory Services, Stakeholder and Land Advisory, Community Facilities exercising their delegation to execute the land owner approval.

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