

## Attachment B – Risks of proposed 2018/2019 local environmental projects

Project	Risks	Mitigation
<b>Waitākere weed action project (Our Backyard)</b>	Some landowners do not wish to have property inspections to map weed locations, and some may not agree to having the weed controlled on their land, due to concerns around the use of herbicide.	The contractor will ensure that the project is well communicated to the community, so they feel engaged in helping to control climbing asparagus.
<b>Kauri dieback community coordinator</b>	The recruitment of volunteers is limited by the availability and desire of the public to be involved.	Opportunities for community engagement, empowerment, and education are currently in development for the year ahead.
<b>Manukau Harbour Forum</b>	The governance review may propose a new support structure for the forum.	Any changes arising to the forum structure, support, or work programme will not be implemented until at least 2019/2020.
<b>Coastal and marine project</b>	The projects that will be supported through this budget are not yet determined, as they will be identified at a community hui being held in June 2018. At the time of writing this report, this hui had not yet been held.	Staff will work closely with the local board and community to identify projects that will receive support through this initiative.
<b>Pest Free South Tairangi strategy</b>	There is a risk that landowners and agencies may not be interested in participating, or may be unwilling to commit time or resources towards the process or strategy.	<p>The South Tairangi Neighbourhood Network has endorsed this work. The contractor will approach all stakeholders individually in advance of the facilitation and strategy process to ensure they are comfortable and understand the value of their participation. Biodiversity staff will connect with staff in the wider council group to encourage their participation.</p> <p>This risk is not an overall barrier to success as experience from similar projects shows that as the project develops and becomes successful, interest and participation increases.</p>

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<p><b>EcoMatters Environment Trust funding</b></p>	<p>EcoMatters Environment Centre initiatives are funded through longstanding partnership relationships with three local boards (Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges and Whau). Funding for the EcoMatters Environment Centre and Sustainability Hub underpins EcoMatters' ongoing operations and the ability of EcoMatters to deliver this and other projects could be compromised if any of the three local boards determined not to fund this particular project.</p>	<p>Three-year funding agreements have been established between EcoMatters and all three local boards for the period 2017/2018 to 2019/2020 inclusive.</p>