

Attachment C: Albert-Eden Local Board feedback on the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan – August 2017

Albert-Eden Local Board feedback on pest management approaches for the Regional Pest Management Plan.

Issue	Proposed Approach	Supports Y/N	Comment
Cats	<p>To continue management of cats in areas of high biodiversity value as part of integrated pest control but potentially for an increased number of sites.</p> <p>To provide greater certainty cats will be defined as pests in these circumstances if they are not able to be identified by microchip or other means as being owned.</p> <p>Cats will continue to be controlled on areas of public land where threatened species are being protected (regardless of whether they are owned or unowned). Example sites: the open sanctuaries and kokako/kiwi management area in the Hunua Ranges.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Support better definition and management of cats. Abandoned cats are a pest management and animal welfare issue. There needs to be a large amount of supporting communication and education on any new rules, as cats are people's pets.</p> <p>Options for financial support to assist the transition into any management requirements should also be investigated.</p>
Possums	Landscape scale progressive containment programme to manage possums. Rural management would be integrated with management in high value biodiversity areas. This could be achieved using a targeted rate across rural Auckland.	Yes	Strongly support council to lead by example and manage pests in parks.
Widespread pest plants	Site-led programme for parks with significant ecological areas to manage a suite of up to 30 pest plants per site to an extent that protects the values of the parkland. Includes use	Yes but additions suggested	<p>Strongly support council to lead by example and manage pests in parks.</p> <p>Council should work towards all parks being pest free. Auckland is</p>

	of rules in buffer areas around parkland.		Australasia's weediest city. The approach should be amended to be an approach that covers weed control for all areas identified as Significant Ecological Areas (whether privately owned or publicly owned) given their importance in Auckland's environment. Propose Local Board's develop a Weed Control Strategy for their area
New ban of sale	Phasing out the sale of approximately 50 new plant pests and 13 new animal pests in addition to those currently identified.	Yes	
Pigeons	Education and advice. Staff can provide education and advice on managing nuisance impacts.	Yes	Strongly support council to lead by example and manage pests in parks. Support cross department work on this including pest management, control, bylaws, public education and enforcement.
Weeds on Council land	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.	Yes	Strongly support council to lead by example and manage pests in all parkland and this approach should not be limited to areas identified as Significant Ecological Areas. Council should give priority to working with adjacent landowners and the community to understand the types of weeds including surveillance, control and containment species.
Rabbits	Current approach, plus addition of good neighbour rule requiring landowner control on complaints basis to reduce impacts on	Yes	Strongly support council to lead by example and manage pests in parks.

	neighbouring properties.		
More education around pests	Provision of information and advice on pest identification, impacts and control, and increased communications around pathway management for a suite of species.	Yes	<p>Currently Local Boards are funding education projects through locally driven initiatives funding. Additional resources on these topics are vital for the successful management of pest species.</p> <p>Council to work collaboratively with assist large landowners (eg MOE, HNZN) on a programme to control and contain pests on their land and therefore minimise the impact of pest species across the region.</p>