

Attachment C: Papakura Local Board feedback on the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan – July 2017 (PPK/2017/149)

Issue	Proposed Approach	Supports Y/N	Comment
			The Papakura Local Board would like to see plain English used throughout and the messages simplified to be more understandable.
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 kōkako/kiwi management area in the Hunua Ranges.</p>	Y	<p>The Papakura Local Board supports all cats being microchipped to protect native fauna and cats that mark their territory.</p> <p>The board raised a concern that a cat is often the only companion an elderly person has and was concerned about the potential financial burden on those on limited incomes.</p> <p>The board felt there was a need to differentiate between the feral and domestic cat. Felines in a domestic environment should not be the focus of compliance and enforcement.</p> <p>The board does not support increased compliance and enforcement measures of domestic cats.</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.	Y	Papakura Local Board would like to see more possum management programmes in local bush areas. There is an opportunity for the community to get involved in possum management, eg: Kirks Bush and the

			potential for a pelting industry to be developed.
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 of rules in buffer areas around parkland.	Y	Papakura Local Board supports this approach.
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.	Y	Papakura Local Board supports this approach.
Road corridor weeds	Road corridor enforcement targeted to buffers around site-led programmes to maximise effectiveness.	Y	Papakura Local Board supports this approach.
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.	Y	Papakura Local Board supports this approach.
Kauri dieback disease	Exclusion programme with pathway management rules to prevent the establishment of kauri dieback in high priority kauri dieback-free zones, including the Hunua Ranges.	Y	Papakura Local Board supports this approach.
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.	Y	Papakura Local Board supports this approach. Various communication channels need to be used to maximize the message.
The importance of community pest control	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	Y	Papakura Local Board supports this approach.

	support the Pest Free Auckland initiative, which focuses on community empowerment.		
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