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## Regional Pest Management Plan feedback

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Aotea Great Barrier Local Board provides the following feedback to the Regional Pest Management Plan:

- Thank you for the acknowledgement of Aotea Great Barrier Island and initiatives in the plan designed to protect and enhance our special ecology.
- We note the recommended changes to the proposed Regional Pest Management Plan based on the consultation feedback and would like to highlight the following:
  - Pest Management cannot be successful without collaboration with mana whenua, community members, Department of Conservation and Auckland Council as it requires a unified approach. We need quality engagement and buy in at all levels.
  - Feral cats are a problem for our island and need to be managed by best practice. We suggest that all domestic cats on and visiting Aotea be desexed, have a reflective collar and be microchipped for clear identification.
  - Protection of the Hauraki Gulf vector pathway management is vitally important to our island and we are supportive of any initiatives such as the Treasure Island Ambassador's education of visitors, and wharf and airport freight inspections. We request greater monitoring and enforcement options.
  - We support community feedback that further research is an important component of kauri dieback management and are open to participating in any research programmes.
  - We will support the inclusion of new pests such as myrtle rust, marine and freshwater pests through a partial plan review under section 100D of the Biosecurity Act.
  - We support the retention of the Moth Plant eradication programme for Aotea Great Barrier Island.