

Attachment B
Waiheke Local Board specific issues

Issue	Current approach	Proposed approach relevant to local board area	Rationale
The issue of weeds on council land (and the need to control them more effectively if the public are asked to control their own weeds)	Region-wide approach to pest plant management, including enforcement of selected widespread pest plants in response to complaints.	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.	Council to lead by example on own land. Site-focused approach will enable more intensive and cost effective management of pest plants to better protect priority ecosystems and threatened species. Enforcement for the public and transport corridors to work in concert with management on parkland.
Feral pigs, rodents and mustelids	Provision of advice and support to community groups undertaking pest control. Treasure islands pathway management in the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area. Control of feral pigs, rodents and mustelids in areas of council land with high conservation value. Eradication from Waiheke for feral pigs.	Eradication programmes for feral pigs and stoats on Waiheke Island. Eradication programme for rats currently being costed by staff in response to question by local board. Provision of advice and support to community groups undertaking pest control. Enhanced investment in pathway management to prevent reinvasions within the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area.	Continuation and enhancement of successful past approach.
Kauri dieback disease	Kauri dieback disease currently managed as an unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act, the Unitary Plan and national best practice guidelines.	Exclusion programme with pathway management rules to prevent the establishment of kauri dieback in high priority kauri dieback-free zones, including Waiheke.	Inclusion in the proposed plan will provide better statutory backing to manage kauri dieback disease and enable implementation of regionally specific pathway management rules.
Marine pests and protection of Hauraki Gulf	Currently managed as unwanted organisms under the Biosecurity Act and through provisions in the Unitary Plan.	Development of an inter-regional marine pathway management plan to manage spread of marine pests.	To increase collaboration and consistency between partners that have a statutory responsibility for preventing, reducing or eliminating adverse effects of marine pests that are present within the top of the North Island region.

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<p>A desire for more education around pests</p>	<p>Provision of information and advice on pest identification, impacts and control, and communications around pathway management for a suite of species.</p>	<p>Provision of information and advice on pest identification, impacts and control, and increased communications around pathway management for a suite of species.</p>	<p>To encourage community, landowner and householder action and behaviour change to control pests, create natural habitats and prevent environmental degradation.</p>
<p>The importance of community pest control</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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 support the Pest Free Auckland initiative, which focuses on community empowerment.</p>	<p>To amplify, recognise and support community activity around biodiversity focus areas and provide community empowerment, upskilling and networking opportunities through the Pest Free Auckland initiative.</p>