

## **Attachment C: Rodney Local Board feedback on the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan – August 2017**

Resolution number RD/2017/135

MOVED by Member B Steele, seconded by Member B Bailey:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) provide the following feedback on the proposed direction of specific regional and local programmes being considered as part of the Auckland Regional Pest Management Plan review (as per Attachment C of the agenda report):
  - i. generally supports the proposed approach for the management of wallabies (Kawau Island) and the multi species eradication of wallabies, rats and possums on the island, however, it requests that staff consult and work with the local Kawau Island community to understand their views and the potential to protect a small population of wallabies in recognition of their historical importance and the wallabies role in the island's identity.
  - ii. supports the proposed approaches to all other Rodney Local Board specific issues being Argentine Ants (Kawau Island), Kauri dieback disease, weeds on council land, education around pests, and the importance of community pest control.
  - iii. supports additional controls for the management of cats beyond those that are proposed, including mandatory microchipping, licencing and de-sexing as it considers that this is the best way to ensure a change in owner behaviour and the management of cats as a pest.
  - iv. does not support the proposal of a targeted rate in rural areas to manage possums and considers that if possums are deemed to be a regional pest then the funding of eradication programmes should be met by region wide funding.
  - v. supports staff carrying out additional community education programmes to publicise and encourage community-led possum eradication in a more effective and widespread manner.
  - vi. supports the ongoing enforcement of plant pest management on private rural properties in addition to parkland, noting that without ongoing enforcement there is little incentive to undertake plant pest management if a neighbouring property will re-infect a pest free property.
  - vii. supports greater coordination between Auckland Council and Auckland Transport with respect to the management of plant pests in the road corridor noting that the eradication of pests in parkland cannot be achieved if they are left to thrive in the road corridor, and vice versa.
  - viii. supports regional efforts to ban the sale of any animal or plant species that have the potential to become invasive.
  - ix. supports the inclusion of aquatic pest species in the plan.

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