

Waikato Regional Pest Management Plan 2021-2031

Tell us what you think Hōmai koa ōu whakaaro



We need your feedback by 4pm on Friday, 30 April 2021.

It's important that our councillors know what you think about our proposed Waikato Regional Pest Management Plan.

How you can give us your feedback

- To make an online submission go to waikatoregion.govt.nz/yourvoicematters
- Want to submit but don't have access to a computer or the internet? Your feedback can also be:

Posted to:

LTP Project Team
Waikato Regional Council
Freepost 118509
Private Bag 3038
Waikato Mail Centre
Hamilton 3240

Delivered to one of our offices:

Hamilton Office 401 Grey Street	Taupō Office 100 Horomatangi Street
Paeroa Office 13 Opatito Road	Whitianga Office 33-35 Albert Street

- **Email: haveyoursay@waikatoregion.govt.nz**

Your feedback and any information you include is considered public information and will be available in reports and documents relating to this process, in addition to being published on our website.

Below are questions for your consideration, if necessary you may add additional pages of feedback.

Your details

Title (please circle): Dr Mr Mrs Miss Ms	Other (please specify):
First name:	Surname:
Organisation/group submitting (if applicable):	
Email (please print):	
Address (full address, including rural delivery):	
	Postcode:
Phone (day time):	Mobile:
You are invited to speak to council about your feedback. If you/your group would like to present please indicate here: Yes No	

**Which provisions of the proposed RPMP would you like to make a submission on?
Please specify the area/s of the plan or pest programme that your submission
point/s relate to.**

Comments

Immediate Biosecurity Action Areas

**What changes would you like to see to the proposed RPMP?
This may include in support of or against. It could be in relation to specific
aspects of the plan or on the plan in general.**

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Immediate biosecurity action areas

Action area	Overview	Objective	Key actions (1-3 years)
Freshwater biosecurity (including pest fish and koi)	Continue to work collaboratively with key stakeholders to manage the adverse effects of harmful organisms in freshwater environments.	Reduce the adverse impacts of pest fish and pest plant populations in freshwater ecosystems at high value biodiversity sites in the Waikato region.	<p>Support DOC in the implementation of freshwater biosecurity management plans and the National Freshwater Biosecurity Partnership Programme Strategy.</p> <p>Provide advice and information regarding the threats of freshwater pests to other interested parties.</p> <p>Provide advice to agencies and groups of occupiers to reduce adverse effects of pest fish.</p>
Feral pigs and feral deer	Working relationships between Waikato Regional Council, NZ Pig Hunters Association, NZ Deer Stalkers Association (NZDA) and DOC are strengthened to allow proactive management of feral pigs and feral deer.	Assist landowners/farmers in areas where feral pigs and feral deer are causing adverse effects on identified sites within the Waikato region.	<p>Trial a Landowner/Farmer-Assist programme with the NZ Pig Hunters Association and DOC in area(s) within the region.</p> <p>Trial a Landowner/Farmer-Assist programme with the NZDA and DOC in area(s) within the region.</p>
Feral goats	Continue to maintain and build on existing relationships with DOC to deliver the regional strategic plan for feral goat control.	Reduce the adverse effects of feral goats in high value biodiversity sites and catchments.	Collaborate with DOC to implement the joint strategic plan for feral goat control to protect high value biodiversity sites and catchments.
Biological control of pests	Continue to collaborate with the National Biocontrol Collective, the regional sector and research agencies to support the advancement of biocontrol methods in reducing the reliance on conventional, chemical, and mechanical control methods.	Reduce the adverse effects of widespread harmful organisms (plants and animals).	Continue to support the National Biocontrol Collective and other biocontrol initiatives where appropriate.
Widespread pest plants (not in the RPMP)	Landowners and occupiers that are concerned about widespread pest plants that are not included in the RPMP are aware of effective control methods.	Concerned landowners and occupiers have access to good information on managing widespread pest plants.	Upon enquiry, support landowners and occupiers by providing advice and information on how to control widespread pest plants.
Kauri dieback	Work with DOC, MPI, mana whenua, territorial authorities, landowners, community groups and other stakeholders to manage kauri dieback.	Protect areas of kauri forest free of 'kauri dieback' symptoms and contain infestations.	<p>Work with others to develop and implement the national pest management plan for kauri dieback.</p> <p>Support research which enables a better understanding of pathogens (such as kauri dieback) and the impacts on natural ecosystems, particularly research on surveillance/detection methods, management tools and prevention of pathogen transmission.</p>