

HELPING US ALL PROTECT OUR REGION FROM PESTS



There are many animals and plants in our region considered undesirable or a nuisance. Protecting our amazing regional biodiversity, from backyards to bush reserves, and looking after our unique primary production is everyone's business. From treating invasive plants to setting stoat traps in Queen Elizabeth Park, we want to make sure the approach we take to pest control has a regional focus plus supports all the amazing work that is going on nationally and locally. That's where our Regional Pest Management Plan 2019 – 2039 comes in.

What's the plan?

At Greater Wellington Regional Council we have a leadership role to play ensuring our goals for protecting both our native species and the places we value, align with community and iwi values, expectations and needs.

As part of our legislative requirements and as a good corporate citizen, we implemented the first pest strategy in 1996.

Our new Regional Pest Management Plan 2019 – 2039 builds on the legacy of looking after our environment. This plan will go a long way to guarantee we have a robust approach to pest management in the future.

How have we got here?

In June 2017 we started the review process by holding initial workshops and consulting with our communities. This process focuses on approaching what species should be controlled to limit their adverse impacts on our region.

The Regional Pest Management Plan 2019 – 2039 identifies 26 animal and plant species (or groups of species) classified as a 'pest'.

The strategy review and development of this new proposed plan is your opportunity to help us understand the regional priorities for pest management over the next ten years. The objectives and programmes described in this plan are reviewed every ten years.

How can you help inform the plan?

We want your views on the plan we are proposing.

By understanding your priorities, we can develop a final Regional Pest Management Plan for guiding our pest management activities.

You can submit on the proposed plan from 30 June by visiting: <https://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/pestplan> or emailing a submission to pestplan@gw.govt.nz.

Where to next?

The public can make submissions on the proposal. Greater Wellington will issue decisions after reviewing those submissions and hearing those who wish to be heard. Decisions can be appealed through the Environment Court by submitters only.

Then we put the plan into operation. The plan empowers us to exercise the relevant advisory, service delivery, regulatory and funding provisions available under the Act to deliver the specific objectives identified in Part Two (Pest Management) of the plan.

TIMEFRAME

- ✓ **Public Discussion Document released June 2017**
- ✓ **Feedback on Discussion Document closes July 2017**
- ✓ **Preparation of proposed plan July 2017 – June 2018**

Notify proposed plan June 2018

Public submissions open from 30 June 2018.

Closing date for submissions on the proposed plan 27 July 2018

Summary of submissions prepared July- mid September 2018

Submissions prepared. Submitters contacted regarding hearing process.

Public hearing of submissions anticipated to take place mid October 2018

Council decision on Regional Pest Management Plan April /March 2019

See our website for more information:
<https://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/pestplan>