

**Hawke's Bay Regional Council**  
**Proposal for Hawke's Bay Regional Pest Management Plan**  
**pursuant to the Biosecurity Act 1993**

**MINUTE AND DIRECTIONS OF HEARING PANEL**  
**on key matters arising from submissions and additional hearing date**

**[Minute 2]**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This is the second Minute of the Hearing Panel.
2. The Panel would like to thank staff for the officer's report on the Regional Pest Management Plan proposal ('RPMP', 'proposal') and acknowledge the work that has been put into its preparation. This minute sets out some key questions that have arisen from the review of the officer's report and submissions to date, and which will assist us with our consideration of the proposal.
3. We also issue a further directions as to the scheduling of a hearing day for the Council's response to submissions and evidence.

**KEY MATTERS ARISING**

4. We set out below our key questions arising from the review of submissions and the officers report to date. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list and we are likely to have further questions that may be addressed in the course of the hearing. However the following questions will assist both the Council and submitters in their preparation for the hearing. It does not limit the matters on which either the Council or submitters may present.
  - a. For mothplant, can a Cost Benefit Analysis be prepared for mothplant to be moved from an Organism of Interest to Progressive Containment, particularly for urban areas in the Region?
  - b. Why are feral rabbits not included as a pest in the Site-led Programme (refer to Table 11, pg78, of Proposed RPMP).
  - c. What would the rules be for a Feral Goat Coordinated Management Area if it were to be included as a programme in the Proposed RPMP.
  - d. Can staff consider including hornwort as a pest under the Site-led Programme?
  - e. As an alternative to Old Man's Beard control along the Ruahine and Kaweka Ranges, what control of other organisms may provide "better value"?
  - f. Can staff review Mana Whakahono a Rohe arrangements and consider whether any aspects are appropriate for Iwi consultation processes in the Proposed RPMP development?

- g. The Panel recommends that Sections 2.1 -2.5 and Figures 2-5 be reviewed to include Iwi initiatives/mauri.
- h. Amend Section 7.1 to include Organisms of Interest for reporting annually.
- i. Nassella tussock appears to be omitted from Plan Rule 5.
- j. Panel suggests an improvement for layout is to include the objective text within the objective heading box. For example:

### Objective 3

Over the duration of the Plan, where possible, eradicate possums within those areas identified as Possum Eradication Areas in accordance with the Hawke's Bay Regional Possum Control Technical Protocol (PN 4969), to minimise adverse effects on environmental values and economic well-being within the Hawke's Bay region.

- k. The panel recommends that within Section 2.3, commentary is made on biological control research and investigation (e.g. calamint SFF funding announcement, 9 July 2018).
  - l. Submitter 20.19 makes reference to illegal releases of pigs/deer. Can staff elaborate on what action Council would take and using what statutory powers?
  - m. Submitter 22 refers to Possum Control Areas involving land less than 4 ha. Can staff comment on obligations of properties less than 4 ha within a PCA?
  - n. Submitter 24.12 sought inclusion of mice in Site-led Programmes. Can staff elaborate on reasons why mice are not included?
  - o. Can staff confirm that Council has validated funding proposed in the RPMP via the 2018/2019 Annual Plan?
  - p. With reference to Section 9.5, the Panel recommends that 10 years of anticipated /budgeted expenditure be shown.
  - q. In relation to programmes for phytosanitary purposes, how many written directions have been served on occupiers in breach of Plan Rule 14 (or equivalent rule under the current Regional Phytosanitary Pest Management Strategy)?
  - r. Can staff provide the Register of Exemptions to Plan Rules granted under the Regional Pest Management Strategy (HBRC Plan Number 4466)?
5. We direct the Council respond to the questions in writing and to make this available by **5pm 30 July 2018**. A copy of the response will be placed on the website for submitters on the following link <https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/services/pest-control/biosecurity/pest-management-plan-review/>.

## **COUNCIL REPLY HEARING DAY**

6. We note that the following additional hearing day will be scheduled to hear the Council's reply:

Time: 8.00am

Date: 3 August 2018

Location: Hawke's Bay Regional Council Chambers, 159 Dalton St,  
Napier

7. This will be held in public and submitters are welcome to attend and hear the presentation from Council officers.

ISSUED by the Hearing Panel

DATE 20 July 2018