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Response No: 1

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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I would love to see a pest and predator free district in my lifetime

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Water quality
Soil resources
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

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Response No: 2

Contribution ID: 4318
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

There is an absolute abundance of pest plants that are badly out of control and getting worse all the time. They need imediate work, and then refocus on prevention. We just shouldn't be importing potential pest plants in the first place!

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Water quality
Animal welfare
Soil resources
Human health
Economic wellbeing
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

We are not passing on anything I feel is even close to a decent future for our environment. I see more pest plants than actual natives in many instances.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I have been through an area of the Whangaui National Park, and was horrified. I counted 80 goats before I gave up counting, many pigs, deer, even stoats running around in the daytime. I could even walk around barefooted because the area was quite denuded.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Deer are a pest species and need bringing back to numbers that help the environment, not the brief happpiness of hunters.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Advice, direction, and whatever financial and technical support is available. Some people just need easy permissions and a little positive reinforcement!

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Our group is removing Tradescantia from the Ashhurst Domain, it is a massive undertaking, being done by hand. But there is an awful large amount of Old Mans Beard on the River track to Raukawa road and in the neighbours orchard that really irks me too! It is just firing out seeds constantly.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 3

Contribution ID: 4317
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Effective biosecurity requires a whole-system approach. However, for pests already present in the Manawatū District and wider Horizons region – including Phragmites karka, pink ragwort, old man's beard, and blackberry – active, well-resourced control programmes remain essential. Equally, shared responsibility is fundamental: Horizons cannot achieve outcomes alone. MDC is committed to that shared responsibility on its own land and will continue to encourage it in the communities we serve. In addition to prevention, Horizons would need to think of contingency plan in the event that invasive species are accidentally introduced into the region.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

While MDC acknowledges that Horizons undertakes valuable pest management work, particularly for possums, rooks, and mapped progressive containment species, there are significant gaps in the current RPMP that affect the Manawatū District. In particular: •

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

It depends on how it is managed.
As a manager of extensive road reserves, parks, and reserves throughout the Manawatū District, MDC invests significant resources in pest plant control on its own land. The effectiveness of this investment is directly undermined when adjacent landowners are not required to manage the same species. The good neighbour and clear land rules are therefore critically important to MDC's ability to achieve lasting pest management outcomes. A good example is Mt Lees Reserve, where banana passionfruit has been controlled to very low levels over the past two years (no fruiting age plants remain). However, there is a large infestation of mature banana passionfruit in/over the pine plantation on the adjacent property. MDC strongly supports the retention and strengthening of these rules in the revised RPMP.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

MDC considers the appropriate balance to be approximately 60:40, with Horizons taking a strong direct delivery role for eradication and progressive containment of mapped species high-risk, landscape-scale species such as Phragmites karka and old man's beard, the scale of the challenge suggests a need for Horizons to play a more direct role in coordinating and delivering management efforts. Efforts need to be targeted to the most critical areas e.g. Phragmites karka in the Makino Stream through Feilding township.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Water quality
Soil resources
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Human health
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

MDC is particularly concerned about the rate of spread of Phragmites karka in waterways within and adjacent to Awahuri Forest-Kitchener Park and within Feilding township that eventuates in flooding and property damage. We are also concerned about the lack of a regional or national management framework to address it. The ecological values of this significant biodiversity site are under threat. MDC is also concerned about the continued spread of pink ragwort across the Manawatū District and the encroachment of old man's beard beyond current active management zones.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.

Long Text

The current 4-hectare threshold creates a gap in the rules that allows pest spread from smaller properties to go unchecked, even where those properties border Council reserves, road reserves, or farmland where significant management effort is being invested. In the Manawatū District, urban fringe and lifestyle block areas frequently host pest species that spread into road reserves and parks managed by MDC. MDC recommends that the threshold be reduced, with appropriate consideration of proportionality for small landholders.
Having a lower threshold in combination with other methods for dealing with pests on properties under the threshold would be a preferred option. An example of an additional method that could be employed is small landholders being obliged to grant access for Horizons/MDC to control weeds impacting a Council reserve.

Biosecurity benefits are broadly shared across the community – environmental, economic, and social – and it is appropriate that general rates contribute to implementation. However, where specific rules impose obligations on identifiable groups (such as large landholders or particular industries), targeted rates can ensure that those who contribute to the pest problem or who benefit most directly from control contribute proportionately. MDC notes that as a District Council and land occupier, it contributes to regional biosecurity through both its own rates and its direct expenditure on pest management on MDC-managed land.

Q21 How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?

Select Box

Very important

Q22 Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 Please explain your answer to the last question.

Long Text

Feral animal management is an important component of Horizons' biosecurity role, particularly where impacts extend beyond individual properties and require coordinated, landscape-scale intervention. MDC recognises the value of Horizons' existing programmes, including sustained possum control and rook eradication, which are delivering demonstrable benefits across the district.
However, MDC considers that the current framing of feral animal management is overly constrained and does not adequately reflect the evolving risk profile across the region. In particular, there is a need to move beyond a narrow focus on existing RPMP species and ensure that the framework is sufficiently responsive to emerging threats and national policy direction.
A notable omission is the lack of explicit recognition of feral cats as a priority pest species. There is increasing evidence, both locally and nationally, that feral cat populations are expanding in rural environments and are contributing to ongoing biodiversity decline. This is consistent with the New Zealand Government's recent decision to include feral cats within the Predator Free 2050 target species list, signalling a clear shift in national priorities.
While MDC acknowledges the distinction between feral, stray, and domestic cats—and supports a non-regulatory approach to domestic cat management based on responsible ownership—the absence of any strategic position on feral cats within the regional framework represents a gap that should be addressed.
Similarly, MDC considers that wild deer warrant closer scrutiny as an emerging pressure, particularly in areas adjoining the Ruahine Ranges. While MDC does not advocate for immediate inclusion of deer within a regionally funded control programme, there is sufficient national and regional evidence to suggest that population growth is contributing to degradation of indigenous forest understorey and imposing increasing costs on primary production systems. At a minimum, MDC considers that Horizons should take a more active role in monitoring, data collection, and impact assessment to inform future decision-making.
In addition, MDC notes the absence of a clearly articulated position on rats, which is a significant omission given their status as one of the most widespread and ecologically damaging introduced predators in New Zealand. Rats are a core target within national biodiversity policy, including Predator Free 2050, and are widely recognised as among the most damaging introduced species driving native biodiversity decline. Their limited visibility within the discussion document raises questions about how Horizons is positioning its role in relation to one of the most fundamental pest pressures affecting the region.
From a policy perspective, the issue is not necessarily whether rats should be managed through regulatory mechanisms under the RPMP, but whether the regional framework clearly acknowledges their importance and defines Horizons' role—whether through direct intervention, coordination, or alignment with national and community-led initiatives. The absence of this clarity risks creating a disconnect between regional biosecurity priorities and nationally recognised threats.

MDC would support rates-funded feral animal management where there is a clear evidence base, well-defined outcomes, and a robust assessment of cost-effectiveness. In particular, MDC considers it important that any proposed programme demonstrates a clear link between intervention and measurable environmental or economic benefits at a scale that justifies regional funding.
MDC notes that broad, region-wide programmes targeting species such as deer or pigs could involve significant cost, with uncertain outcomes if not carefully designed and prioritised. In this context, MDC considers that site-led or landscape-scale programmes focused on areas of high ecological value or production significance are more likely to deliver effective and defensible outcomes.
MDC also notes that some feral species, particularly deer and goats, have dual status in the region. While they can cause significant environmental and economic harm, they are also utilised as a food resource and support

recreational hunting activity for some communities. This reinforces the need for a targeted and proportionate management approach, rather than blanket control measures, ensuring that interventions are directed to areas where impacts are greatest and where the benefits of control clearly outweigh the costs.
Accordingly, MDC would support further investigation, including stakeholder engagement and improved data on population levels and impacts, prior to committing to new or expanded rates-funded programmes. Additionally, MDC notes the constraints of controlling deer and goats in a Council reserve with public access particularly with restrictions around firearm use.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Deer affects some MDC-managed reserves and park margins in the Manawatū District, and MDC acknowledges the concerns expressed by neighbouring farmers. However, given the significant challenges in measuring deer populations and the cost of effective control, MDC considers that Horizons should first establish a robust evidence base before committing to a regulatory or rates-funded deer management role. Any programme should be targeted at areas of greatest impact and designed in close collaboration with affected landowners and communities.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values
Other (please specify): MDC considers that both environmental and production values should drive deer management decisions. The primary purpose of Horizons' involvement should be to address harms that individual landowners cannot practically manage alone, and where coordinated landscape-scale action is demonstrably more effective.

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): A combination of both. MDC considers that Horizons should lead where species require landscape-scale coordination (such as Phragmites karka, old man's beard, and rooks) and where individual landowners cannot practically address the problem alone. Horizons should also actively support local communities and councils to manage pests in their areas, providing technical guidance, funding, and coordination. The current model of Horizons-led eradication and progressive containment work, combined with occupier responsibility for sustained control species, is broadly appropriate but requires adequate funding to be effective. Horizons also needs to continue to be in charge of data governance and management

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

MDC suggests the following approaches:
• Formalise partnerships with existing community groups who are already managing non-RPMP species, such as the Awahuri Forest-Kitchener Park Trust (Phragmites karka) and Catchment Care Groups (waterway species).
• Consider a formal co-funding arrangement with Territorial Local Authorities (TLAs) to support on-the-ground control of priority non-RPMP species, with agreed monitoring and reporting requirements.
• Expand the Kanorau Koiora Taketake fund eligibility to specifically include control of high-risk species not yet in the RPMP where there is a clear biodiversity rationale.
• Engage iwi and hapū as partners in surveillance and monitoring, particularly for freshwater and coastal species such as Phragmites karka and sea spurge, building on existing relationships and mātauranga Māori.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?

Long Text

MDC has two experiences to share:
Positive: MDC has had a productive working relationship with Horizons in relation to the possum control programme, and the sustained reduction in possum numbers across MDC-managed reserves and road corridors has produced measurable ecological benefits. MDC also welcomes the support provided to the Awahuri Forest-Kitchener Park Trust through the Kanorau Koiora Taketake fund for Phragmites karka control research, which has been critical in developing the 'cut and inject' method now showing strong results.
Negative: MDC has significant concern about the lack of a regional management framework for Phragmites karka. Despite extensive known infestations in the Makino Stream from South Street in Feilding to the Oroua River confluence, and in the lower Rangitikei River and Tangimoana estuary, there is no RPMP listing, no active management zone, and no coordinated control programme. MDC and the AFKP Trust (with scant funding from Horizons) have effectively been managing this weed in isolation, with limited resources and without the regulatory framework that would require neighbouring landowners to contribute to control. This is not a sustainable situation given the scale of the threat.

Q33 Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?

Long Text

MDC's experience indicates that while the RPMP provides a sound strategic framework, there are notable gaps in delivery, resourcing, and practical implementation. These are evident in the management of feral rabbits, field horsetail, and old man's beard, where current approaches are not consistently achieving intended outcomes.
Feral rabbits remain widespread across the Manawatū District, causing ongoing economic and environmental impacts, including damage to road reserve infrastructure, pasture loss, erosion, and sediment runoff. While MDC invests in control on its land, this is often undermined by reinfestation from neighbouring properties. Although the RPMP Evaluation (Better Biosecurity Solutions Ltd, October 2024) finds the programme broadly "on track," MDC's experience is that reliance on the Good Neighbour Rule creates a reactive, complaints-based model that does not deliver sustained population reduction. This results in ongoing costs without durable outcomes, and MDC is concerned the Sustained Control Programme is under-resourced, particularly given potential future funding constraints. A more effective approach would include increased resourcing, stronger regional coordination, clearer operational alignment with MDC as road control authority, and improved clarity and enforcement of the Good Neighbour Rule.
Field horsetail presents a different but equally significant challenge. While MDC supports containment objectives and investigation of biocontrol, current rules are not operationally practical. The species is persistent and difficult to eradicate, with herbicide providing only partial suppression over multiple seasons. Requirements to destroy infestations within 21 days, including within 10 metres of boundaries, are not achievable at scale, particularly across the road reserve network. There is also uncertainty around how rules apply in practice, including thresholds, surveillance expectations, and responsibilities between MDC and contractors. MDC considers a more practical approach would allow alternative compliance pathways, such as Approved Management Plans, and focus on effective control over time. Given the limitations of chemical control, MDC strongly supports biocontrol as the most realistic long-term solution and seeks clarity on research progress, including the field horsetail weevil.
These challenges are most acute for old man's beard. The RPMP Evaluation assigns this species a "red" status, indicating objectives are unlikely to be achieved. Contributing factors include insufficient initial data, infestations exceeding resources, reduced partner contributions (notably DOC), and continued spread. MDC's experience aligns with this, with infestations both inside and outside Active Management Zones (AMZs), and control on MDC land often undermined by reinfestation from unmanaged neighbouring land, including conservation areas. MDC considers the programme under-resourced and is not aware of sufficient funding increases to address this. A reassessment of AMZ boundaries, funding, and partner commitments is essential, along with realistic, fully funded objectives.
More broadly, MDC observes increasing reliance on territorial authorities and landowners without corresponding coordination, funding, or operational flexibility, creating a risk that pest management burdens are disproportionately shifted to local authorities. MDC encourages stronger regional leadership, adequate resourcing, practical regulatory settings, and a shift toward proactive, coordinated approaches.
In summary, MDC seeks a more practical and deliverable RPMP, including increased investment in rabbit control, more flexible compliance for field horsetail, and a substantive review of the old man's beard programme. Without these changes, achieving current outcomes will remain difficult and pest management efforts constrained.
MDC looks forward to continued engagement with Horizons through the RPMP review process and is committed to working collaboratively to achieve better biosecurity outcomes across the Manawatū District and the wider Horizons region.

Response No: 4

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Rangitīkei

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on preventing pests from arriving

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Because sometimes the owner should take total responsibility as apposed to horizons once yhe initial pests are under control.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Animal welfare
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Soil resources
Water quality
Human health
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Not concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): Horizons should have a good reason to justify poisoning of any species

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 5

Contribution ID: 4315
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 15, 2026, 03:31 PM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Don't know

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

It's mostly in everyones interests that pests are kept under control, for economic and environmental reasons.. always good to get community input.. but Horizons have an overall oversight..just left to individuals wouldn't work

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
Animal welfare
Water quality
Economic wellbeing
Soil resources

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 6

Contribution ID: 4314
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 15, 2026, 03:30 PM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: I believe there are more public that want to help by trapping and monitoring

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Don't know

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: I have no information regarding pest control in Eketāhuna

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: We have native growth in urban Eketāhuna

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: I see Horizons providing resources to occupiers and landowners. Resources include traps and sustainable education with a large component of monitoring.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Water quality
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

I am not sure of what predators we have in Eketāhuna

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

I would like more information in regards to Eketāhuna

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I work in a Native Reserve

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I think Horizons need to work with iwi and their Pātaka programs

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Invite to hui at Te Wānanga Taiao o Manukura as it brings all iwi together under Te Tapere Nui o Whatonga

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

No

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 7

Contribution ID: 4313
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 15, 2026, 03:12 PM

Q1 **Name**

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Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

While I prioritise prevention of pest arriving I consider that pests that have arrived but are not yet widespread must be contained (or eradicated if possible) to prevent future costs/impacts.

Similarly there are many well established pests whose control provides a community wide benefit and which can only be effectively controlled with concerted intervention. This concerted intervention may be either centralised control effort funded by the community as a whole or enforced rules requiring all land managers to prevent spread of pests from their properties.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

I support efforts to establish biocontrol agents, I support the widespread possum control programme. I am concerned that pest species that will have significant economic and environmental costs are not considered (e.g. Phragmites karma, Deer)

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Not necessarily rules for control but rules for containment or prevention of spread.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

This is too simplistic because each pest has a different framework. e.g. widespread pests become a management priority decision for land owners whereas new or actively spreading pests require specialist intervention and control for long term Regional benefit is best funded by the community as a whole rather than the unlucky landowner who happens to own an initial source site..

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Economic wellbeing
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Human health
Water quality
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Phragmites karka; Destruction of flood control and drainage infrastructure, loss of remnant natural habitats including estuaries, wetlands and swamps. Huge future costs.
Possum, deer, Old Mans Beard, Heather etc. etc. loss of sustainability of natural habitats, destruction of soils, impact on water, impact on sustainability of catchments from storms.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Each pest species presents distinct risks and should be assessed accordingly. For example Old Mans Beard spread from one garden. Some pests e,g. deer are unlikely to spread from small properties.

General rates should apply if the long-term benefit is Region wide. Targeted rates if the benefits are more contained or apply to a group of landowners receiving a long term economic benefit.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

If the feral animal meets the tests of the biosecurity Act a pest management plan should be considered for that animal. As most of the benefits would be to the community as a whole I consider rates an appropriate mechanism.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Expanding and increasing deer populations on rateable land (including urban areas) will be one of the major challenges for the agricultural, environmental and gardening communities in future. Currently feral deer would pose a major barrier to effective management of outbreaks of animal diseases such as Foot and Mouth disease.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values
Other (please specify): Reducing future disease transmission risk. Reducing conflicts in urban fringe areas such as Aramoho in Whanganui

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Horizons needs to incorporate the values of these communities into its Economic Cost Benefit assessments for individual pests. Current assessments are too biased towards the agricultural economy.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

I would like to know that Horizons will take a focused approach to each pest being considered i.e. that the Pest Management Plan is an "omnibus" collection of individual plans for each species.

Response No: 8

Contribution ID: 4312
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 15, 2026, 09:21 AM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: If we do not continue to control and reduce the pests we have, we will be in a no-win situation as more enter the region,

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: We see the progress that has been made and want to see it continue.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: We need a coordinated approach and it is a waste of time, money and resources if not everybody is participating.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: We need Horizons involvement because of it's history with these programmes, to continue being the major initiator of the work so that the outcomes are successful.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
Economic wellbeing
Animal welfare
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Soil resources
Water quality
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Pests and weeds have a high impact on the above outcomes.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Plant and animal pests can appear on any size properties, even in urban environments. Everyone in the community benefits from the control or eradication of these problems.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

The highest priority is to finish the control programmes that have already been initiated under the current plan. There are enough agencies that have responsibility for these feral animals without Horizons being involved on the ground.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

It is the cost of control for a smaller overall risk than with possum control.
If there was an economic return and markets for the feral deer, hunters could easily control the problem. Bring back the local chillers and venison buyers that we had in the 70's and 80's!

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Other (please specify): It should be liased and coordinated with the agencies and departments that are responsible for the feral animals.

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): A combination of the other two options where Horizons leads but communities and landowners are involved.

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

There should always be community consultation for ideas, approaches and delivery for those problems.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Approximately 10 years ago Horizons started a possum control programme in the western Raetihi buffer zone and it had a huge impact on reducing the opossum and rat population in the area.
With the removal of the opossums, the threat of Bovine tuberculosis in cattle and deer herds has been dramatically reduced and the Tb testing regime has gone from annual testing to surveillance.
We are now able to grow fodder crops, fruit trees and have roses in bloom! The quality of our sleep is improved as we no longer have to go spot-lighting at night or have them screeching outside our bedroom window.
Getting the rat population under control has reduced the threat of leptospirosis in sheep, cattle and domestic livestock, through the use of Broadificum combined with Ferotox.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

We need a coordinated approach to animal pest and weed control throughout the district and region between the Councils, agencies, departments and stakeholders to achieve more thorough results. Over the whole region, there have been tremendous gains in reducing the opossum, disease and pest incidence and we want to see this continue to improve.
As vice president of Ruapehu Federated Farmers, I see these pest problems surface regularly for the 113 members in the province. I also represent Ruapehu Federated Farmers on the Ospri TbFree Nait Manawatu/Whanganui committee where these difficulties with pest and disease control also come to light.

Response No: 9

Contribution ID: 4311
Member ID: 810
Date Submitted: May 15, 2026, 07:27 AM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

I strongly detest the increased forced use of poisons on the farmland that I live on, although contractors say it does not affect native bird life I strongly dispute this - the skies go deadly silent for an extended time after a bait station refill !

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Not important at all

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I detest that you come onto the property that I live on & lay cruel poisons that risk innocent lives - farm dogs & cats - which do a great job keeping rats & rabbits down.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Because I detest OTT control measures/ systems - there is NO WAY I would choose to give Horozons even as much control as they now take .

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Water quality
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
Economic wellbeing
Human health
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Not concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Nature has a balance - this is interfered with too often .Economic values are important, increased cost of poisoning with cruel kill methods over ripping out public plantings due to lack of funds (Vifginia Lake) are I feel mismanaged economic decisions.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

I feel this surveys generic answers are unfairly stacked & remove the option for accurate options- for example- I don't feel the property or ratepayers should be forced to contribute to the barbaric poisoning measures that DO AFFECT our native birds- you want to poison drop forcefully - Horizons should fund it themselves .

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Not important at all

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I don't support Horizons killing regimes FULL STOP ! There is NO WAY I would support giving them any power to continue their killing & especially disagree with being forced to pay for this as a ratepayer .

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

This role should be given to Hunters , allowing them to put food on the table without risks of contamination by poisons .

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting recreational, social, or cultural values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): Allow farm owners to manage their own pest populations without forced control and with subsidized (by Horizons)management measures costs.

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

I don't believe Iwi or Hapu should be the priority focus - this is a racist view - One Country - One people - and I don't agree with increasing species regime - e.g.- cats & deer .

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

We have a forced Horizons bait station refill at Horizons choice of time on our land - our native bird life declines rapidly after a refill for at least 2 years - I have been told the poison does not affect for example Morepork - however I also have veterinary qualifications- and logi defies this - birds that ingest poisoned carcasses WILL be affected by the poison that killed what they eat .

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

I also do not agree with the increase of poisons placed in the bait stations e.g - last drop Horizons newly added Cyanide - without prior landowner consultation until post poisoning .

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 10

Contribution ID: 4310
Member ID:
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

The pests already here are the ones that have a foot hold and will expand in numbers. The responsibility should be on council and the land owners to be helped so there is a one approach

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

It may not be the fault of the adjacent owner that pests have had easier access or proximity to attractants

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Occupiers should still have a right to not grant access. PRIVATE land owners means the PUBLIC SERVANTS do not have a right to their land irregardless of why. But yes the responsibility should be on council to provide advice NOT enforcement
Enforcement is too broad spectrum and paints up images of enforcing poisons, particular ways of dealing with pest, cost incurring etc. I don't like the council to be able to enforce anything! Do I chose the ranking below as last for enforcement only because you have made it mandatory fore to choose an option but it is NOT a choice I want at all

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
Animal welfare
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Water quality
Soil resources
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Economic wellbeing
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Some of the above I don't think are directly impacted by pests. It's a flow on effect

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

I'm unsure how this can be funded as I feel a lot of funds are wasted by council
I feel there is no more room to squeeze more money from people through rates. People can't afford to live and there are more priorities than this. Council needs to tighten their own belt and reduce spending in other non essential areas to fund this and ensure every dollar is spent wisely

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

You can not keep taking more and more money. You're robbing the poor now. Reduce non essential spending and use those funds. You waste money as it is

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Deer are less damaging and you can grant more hunting days in areas where it's needed. Private people will pay for the privilege. Like the rimatuka hill road gets closed off to allow public to hunt

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): Rodents, mustelids, cats

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): If needing rate funds then no, no involvement UNLESS you use existing funds from other wasteful spending

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Nope

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 11

Contribution ID: 4309
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Wanted to say Strongly Disagree, but couldn't choose that one. Spelling mistake? I see rooks, magpies, lots of different types of noxious weeds...especially on private properties.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Some occupiers are very knowledgeable about pests and prefer to do the work themselves, with advice from Horizons.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Funding or incentives for control

Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Soil resources
Water quality
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing
Animal welfare
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

We live next to a reserve and see lots of cats in there, negatively impacting the native birdlife.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 12

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I believe biosecurity in our region needs to cover all three areas — preventing new pests from arriving, controlling the pests already here, and sharing responsibility between Horizons, DOC, landowners, and local communities. No one group can manage these problems alone. Good communication, practical support, and people working together are the key to protecting both our farming land and our natural environment.

A current example is the spread of Old Man's Beard. Horizons currently has a buffer zone for its control, with one of the buffer zone boundary points, as I understand it, being north of the Mangoira Bridge on Main South Road. However, south of the bridge in the same gorge the vine is now appearing in various places, including along the roadside. Further back towards the Oroua Gorge it is becoming worse on roadsides, and I have also noticed it spreading within the main Apiti Scenic Reserve itself. DoC have attempted to control it on the roadside with little success and appear to have given up as the area is beyond manual management.

We recently travelled the Potaka Road off Kawhatau Valley Road and were horrified to see an entire basin on the other side of the Kawhatau river covered in Old Man's Beard. It is also growing unchecked along Mangamako Road and is present around the Ruahine Road, Ruahine Dress Circle Reserve and in the Rangiwahia Scenic Reserve.

In my opinion, the current buffer zone either needs to be removed or significantly extended. Farmers with Old Man's Beard growing on their properties outside the present buffer zones need practical support and encouragement to control it before it spreads further. The use of drones to detect flowering vines and target spraying would likely be a far better use of resources and allow infestations to be identified and treated earlier. The challenge with some farmers is that they are often very busy and may not prioritise weeds such as Old Man's Beard. Control can be delayed or put off, and in some cases there may not be full awareness of the long-term damage this type of vine can cause to land, native vegetation, and surrounding areas.

I understand there has also been research into biological control options for Old Man's Beard, including insects or fungi that may help reduce seed spread or weaken the plant. We are very concerned about the continued spread of this weed, and believe all practical control methods must be urgently expanded, in close cooperation with DOC and district councils. However, at the same time, we need to be extremely cautious with any introduced biological controls because of the potential risks and unintended consequences for other plants and the wider environment.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Horizons' bait station programme on surrounding farms has definitely been effective in reducing possum numbers. However, a major problem remains within DOC reserves, where poison control is not allowed inside the reserves

themselves. Instead, bait station

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Effective pest control on neighbouring properties is important and should be encouraged. Some landowners invest significant time and money into pest management measures such as bait stations, traps, DOC 200 traps, and controlling feral deer through hunting. However, these efforts can be undermined where adjoining properties undertake little or no pest control, or in some cases are resistant to measures such as deer management.
At the same time, neighbouring landowners are understandably concerned about practical farming issues, including gates being left open or not properly secured, which can result in stock mixing or escaping. Any pest management approach needs to recognise and address these concerns while still supporting coordinated control efforts across properties.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

There should be a shared responsibility, with Horizons working alongside landowners to support effective pest management. A cooperative and collaborative approach is far more likely to achieve positive long-term outcomes than relying on enforcement measures. Heavy-handed enforcement can create resentment and resistance, whereas partnership, education, practical support, and funding assistance encourage greater participation and goodwill among landowners. Farmers are generally very independent and practical people, and when they are provided with the right skills, guidance, and resources, they are far more likely to engage positively and build long-term compliance and trust.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Soil resources
Water quality
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

We are particularly concerned about the spread of noxious and fast-spreading weeds, in particular Old Man's Beard. We have seen the long-term effects of this damaging vine throughout the Mangawhariki Basin and along the Mangaweka cliffs. It is distressing to see this invasive weed flourishing in roadside areas, including DOC scenic reserves.

One clear example is the Apiti Scenic Reserve, where Old Man's Beard is growing right alongside the road. We alerted DOC to the issue, but only a poor attempt was made to address the problem, and the infestation is slowly

but surely spreading, which includes down the Oroua and Mangoira Gorges. Patches have also been found throughout the Rangiwahia and Ruahine reserves.

My wife and I have also dealt with various infestations in the Rangiwahia Scenic Reserve, and I recently noticed another vine in the reserve had been cut, possibly by DOC workers. I even found a vine growing in a neighbour's garden. At the current rate of spread, it is only a matter of time before it is out of control and worse-case scenario spreading into the Ruahine Range.

This also highlights a wider issue around responsibility and coordination. If weeds or pests are found on DOC land, Horizons often appears unable to act, and the same applies in reverse. This lack of coordinated responsibility undermines effective pest and weed management. We require a joined-up and cooperative approach between agencies and landowners.

If anything, rates could be used to better support landowners and volunteers through subsidies for blackberry and OMB control and other pest plant management. Practical assistance would help achieve more consistent and effective outcomes across the region. The ability to apply for grants is also an option, but these are not always easy to find unless someone with local knowledge points them out.

Another approach would be for pest-control staff from Horizons to attend local meetings, such as regular district council meetings held throughout the Manawatu, to listen to local concerns and share information and make support options more visible to the community.

A major factor contributing to the land-use change, is the retirement of riparian and other marginal land from grazing. While these changes were introduced to improve water quality, they have also created terrible unintended consequences, including increased habitat for feral deer and the spread of weeds such as blackberry.

In the past, weeds like blackberry were actively controlled by farmers as part of noxious weed requirements. That level of consistent control has reduced over time, and the current situation reflects the lack of a unified, practical approach to pest and weed management.

Where appropriate, sheep grazing should also be allowed on marginal land, as it can be an effective and low-cost way of keeping weed growth under control. In many cases, grazing livestock already provide a useful and natural tool for managing vegetation, particularly in areas where other forms of control are more difficult or expensive to maintain. Overall, Blackberry remains an ongoing problem, particularly in areas where land use change and reduced grazing pressure have allowed it to expand unchecked. Blackberry once treated as a noxious weed requiring active control, it is now much more widespread and difficult to manage consistently.

Yellow lupin, is also becoming a significant issue along river margins, especially along the Oroua River. In some locations it has spread extensively, to the point where river edges are heavily obscured. Because lupin is a nitrogen-fixing plant and grows directly on riverbeds, I wonder whether its spread could be contributing to increased nitrogen levels in these local environments, particularly during rainfall events when material is washed directly into waterways. Its increasing spread and impact suggest it needs more active control.

I would like to congratulate Horizons for the excellent work carried out over many years in controlling Darwin’s Barberry, particularly in the Rangiwahia area. We are incredibly grateful for these efforts. This is one project where DOC and Horizons worked well together to control a dreadful weed within our reserves, and the results have been very much appreciated. Thank you.

Overall, weed control would be better with a more coordinated and proactive approach across all land, with clearer responsibility, better resourcing, and more consistent action rather than fragmented or reactive control.

Q17 Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.

Long Text

The rules should apply to all properties regardless of size, as pests do not respect boundaries. However, the success of the “good neighbour” approach can depend heavily on attitudes and cooperation between landowners. For example, a farmer living alongside the Ruahine Range may accept feral deer coming onto their land, while a neighbouring property growing crops may suffer from those same deer. This can create tension between neighbours, particularly when responsibility is shifted to DOC because the deer originate from conservation land.

In some situations, the “good neighbour” rules are therefore difficult to enforce effectively without stronger coordination between landowners, Horizons, and DOC.

Another major issue is that health and safety regulations have, in my view, severely hindered effective feral deer control. The previous market for wild venison provided a practical incentive for reducing deer numbers, without widespread health concerns.

A bounty system could be one of the most cost-effective ways to encourage active deer control and reduce populations, and this concept could potentially be extended to other pest species as well. Under the current pest eradication system, the cost per animal removed must be extremely high. It would be worthwhile comparing those costs against a bounty-based approach. Horizons needs to think outside the square and consider more creative and practical solutions to pest management.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Yes, Horizons does need to manage pests in collaboration with farm owners, community groups, and volunteers. However, as mentioned previously, effective pest management is often limited by the lack of coordination between Horizons and DOC, and even district Councils. At times it appears that responsibility is divided in a way that reduces effective action. Pest management — including both invasive weeds and animal pests — would work better if one organisation took overall responsibility and coordinated the response.
I am also pleased to see Canada geese specifically mentioned, as they are becoming an increasingly significant problem in many areas.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Horizons should take an active role in deer management, but it must be done in partnership with DOC, landowners, community groups such as MRCC & RRCC and hunters. Effective control will only work if all parties are coordinated and working towards the same outcomes. As previously mentioned a bounty is one practical way to help reduce deer.

As I have referenced previously, a major factor contributing to the current deer problem is land-use change, including large-scale pine plantations and the retirement of riparian and other marginal land from grazing. While these changes were introduced to improve environmental outcomes such as water quality, they have also created unintended consequences, including increased habitat for feral deer and the spread of weeds such as blackberry.

Another unintended consequence I have also observed is that since pine trees were planted many years ago near a small stream up Mangahuia East Road, the freshwater crayfish have disappeared from that area.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild
Protecting farmland and production values
Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

I suggest that Horizons work with already established local groups such as Manawatu River Catchment Collective (MRCC) and Rangitikei River Catchment Collective (RRCC), which includes working with farmers and rural communities to reduce pests. This includes pests not already included in RPMP.

May I suggest one emerging pest not currently prioritised in the pest management plan is the eastern rosella, a relatively aggressive and territorial bird. Although not yet recognised as a major pest species, it is becoming increasingly established in some areas and is showing signs of wider spread.

It has the potential to compete with native birds for nesting sites and may also contribute to localised damage in fruit and crop areas. Given its expanding range and behaviour, it would be prudent to include this species in ongoing monitoring and ensure it is considered early in any future pest review processes, rather than waiting until it becomes a more significant problem.

I would also like to draw your attention to the threat of Chilean flame creeper. It is currently present around the perimeter of the Kaikawaka Reserve south of Rangiwahia. DOC staff have been actively working to control the infestation, and I hope Horizons is also aware of this noxious vine.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

I have been involved in pest management for all of my adult life which includes hunting for deer, and controlling possums, rats, stoats, weasels and feral cats. I manage the pest control in two DoC reserves- the Rangiwahia and Kaikawaka Scenic reserves. I have been very grateful that Horizons have bait staions around both reserves which have definitely been instrumental in supporting my quest to reduce the huge numbers of possum in the reserves with the flow-on effect of increasing the endemic and native bird populations. I despair at DoC's rules for not allowing poison control within the reserves. I have also removed about 80 feral cats primarily using Timm's traps,

I have several DOC200 traps around my property which I monitor regularly, catching rats, stoats, hedgehogs and weasels. My property borders the Mangahuia Stream which is surrounded by virgin native bush. I use both Timm's and cage traps for feral cats, plus I shoot possums, rabbits and feral deer. I also use pest-off bait in the bait staions around the farm. With this management plan, I have certainly kept pests under control.

I also manage 108 x DOC 200 traps in the Ruahines on the Rangiwahia-Deadman's route - about 15km in length. This is part of the Oroua Blue Duck Project targeting specifically rats and stoats - known predators of the Blue duck (whio).

We also experienced a significant long-term problem with possums taking up residence in the Rangiwahia Hall. It appears to have been generations of possums learning how to access the building through very small openings. The result was contamination throughout the hall, including droppings and urine staining ceilings and walls.

Over many years, I caught numerous possums in the hall using Timms traps. We did not initially realise how small an opening they could squeeze through until we began catching them in DOC 200 traps.

The issue was ultimately resolved when Horizons introduced a broader possum control programme on surrounding farms using bait stations. Once this blanket control was in place, possum numbers dropped significantly and the problem in the hall ceased completely. Our present ongoing issue is controlling rats and mice.

As already mentioned, I despair at the gradual spread of Old Man's Beard - a problem beyond my capabilities, and appears beyond DoC and Horizons. Little seems to be done about it apart from helicopter spraying in limited areas, and some isolated control by individuals. Something has to be done before such areas become like the Mangaweka Cliffs. I have also been involved in removing Darwin's Barberry and OMB from the Rangiwahia Reserve.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

I understand that, following the 2023 election, the Government signalled a preference for an English-first approach in government department names and communications. I would be interested to know why Horizons has not followed this approach in its heading for this submission form - Puka tono | Submission form.

Personally, I find an English-first format easier to follow, as the use of language I do not understand can sometimes be confusing when reading official documents.

Response No: 13

Contribution ID: 4307
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 14, 2026, 10:50 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

all are important

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

bad stuff is under control

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

72

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Horizons has more expertise and firepower

I want my neighbours stuff controlled

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Economic wellbeing
Water quality
Soil resources
Human health
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 14

Contribution ID: 4306
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 14, 2026, 04:52 AM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I'm hopeful there is enough people and resources to have a multi-layered approach to our biosecurity

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Haven't engaged in this space before

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I imagine some people who depend on their land for income might be more concerned than someone who doesn't. So it depends on the landowners situation id say.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

I've seen in Australia crown agencies being granted rights to gain access to private land and enforce by-laws etc. I'm not a fan of this. Even for advice and mainly for enforcement - I just have an allergic reaction to council interference

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Water quality
Soil resources
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Economic wellbeing
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

It's probably too big to be that concerns about and likely that I can only be a small part of any solution. But it still is something that concerns me

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Not sure

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Don't know enough about clear land and good neighbour rules to comment

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I'd rather see how these resources can be put back into the community and used for educational purposes. Like processing 'pests' for social services like Zilch to get it out to those in need in the community. I'd also like to see iwi, hapu and schools be part of these management plans for educational purposes as well

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I would like to see more than Horizons just gets to send someone onto someone's land and slaughter 'feral' animals. There's more opportunities in the process that I would support - examples notes above

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting recreational, social, or cultural values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Understand that for iwi, hapu and community groups - their viewpoints and perspectives will be extend generations. They'll understand that industry might gain a few bux among the way, but their are underlying guardianship and stewardship sentiments that don't always align with industry bottom lines and profit margins. Have a Horizons that can be honest and clear about both would be a good start

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Humans can probably be the biggest pest if I'm honest. And on that front, the examples are plenty

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Unfortunately I don't have enough time to do so

Response No: 15

Contribution ID: 4305
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 13, 2026, 09:26 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I would be happy to set and monitor traps on our farm

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Don't know

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

It's too difficult to manage

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Horizons should provide pest management tools to land owners/occupiers to help in pest prevention

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
Animal welfare
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Soil resources
Water quality
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): Ferrets, stoats, cats

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

There are hundreds of wild cats. Large numbers of stoats and ferrets that need management hopefully with the support of horizons we can work together to get a trapping program in place

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Response No: 16

Contribution ID: 4304
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 13, 2026, 08:10 PM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Landowners need to take some responsibility as well if their actions encourage pests

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: We have a rat infestation problem in a suburban area due to one property and the owners actions

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: I have this issue and use 1kg of rat bait in stations 6 monthly. The neighbour has created a junkyard, throws out food scraps, has rubbish in open plastic bags, and will not respond to council requests

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 40

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: Because irresponsible people need to be responsible, but enforcement is sometimes necessary

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare
Water quality
Social and cultural wellbeing
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

You become more aware when experiencing pests firsthand and trying to establish a garden supporting native flora and fauna

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Residential lots and abandoned lots in suburban areas should be covered

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

The nature of the pest influences funding. High priority, especially affecting health, should get higher funding.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): Healthy, native flora and fauna higher priority

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Mindfully

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

See previous comments

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 17

Contribution ID: 4303
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 13, 2026, 07:49 PM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

All are tequired

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

There have been rabbits about for ages and never see a Horizons officer. d

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Spread must be stopped

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Getting rid of pests is a specialist job.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Soil resources
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing
Water quality
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Many pests and noxious plants effect farm production and the environment

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Too many sal blocks get overlooked by Horisons but Pests find them a haven for breeding. A sheltered reservoir.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Costs must be fairly destributed on an area basis, not capital value.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Pine forestry blocks are becoming a haven for wild deer and pests and the owners of these forest should pay higher rates as they are making eradication almost impossible without 1080.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Education and law enforcement

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Used to be in the Animal Health Division of MAF.
Saw tremendous results with targeted 1080 and possum and wild pig reduction in the eradication of Bovine Tb and eradication.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

The increase in the areas of Pine forestry is froviding a reservoir and haven for pests to breed in and the owners of these forestry blocks should be rated higher on a per ha basis as they are exasterbators of providing a sanctuary for pests which are harder to get rid of in these ateas without the widespead aerial drops of 1080.
To just ignore them is a recipe for a future e disaster and a return of Bovine tb.

Response No: 18

Contribution ID: 4302
Member ID:
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Water quality
Soil resources
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Social and cultural wellbeing
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 19

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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

I believe there is improvement to be done about including/ increasing the management of wasps around the region

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

With owning rural property and adjacent land full of thistles becomes a concern and possibly a huge future burden on myself and the land

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

The support and knowledge will be beneficial however some work on owners is fair and allows funds to be spread for continuous planning.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Soil resources
Water quality
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
Economic wellbeing
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Opening up the ability of hunting on selected sites with possible permits/ agreed access which don't already allow this would prevent the need for horizons intervention and reduced numbers.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting recreational, social, or cultural values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

I am currently struggling with wasps in both rural and central areas of Whanganui which affects myself and my family, including a young child, to use my backyard and our rural property.
We have used regular bates and attempted to make our own but there is a lack of information via horizons on this specific pest.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 20

Contribution ID: 4300
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 13, 2026, 02:59 PM

Q1 **Name**

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Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: Focus should be on preventing pests from arriving

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: After preventing them from coming then we can focus on stopping the already existing pests. Then we can start to get control of the pests in other rural areas. We should speak with local farmers to find out what they are doing to ensure that pests are controlled on their side of it.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: We have lots of pests still here and still coming. But a lot is being done to prevent this.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: If they aren't controlling pests they end up at my place and then they reduce the effectiveness of my control methods we are all in this

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: Everyone needs to be held accountable

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns

Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
Water quality
Economic wellbeing
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 21

Contribution ID: 4299
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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

It needs to be a partnership with an Organisation like Horizons having the expertise to administer and oversee the majority of pest control and landowners following up with their on farm control. Education needs to be provided to landowners on how to set up and implement a pest control programme.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Water quality
Soil resources
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Don't know

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

I feel Wild cats are a huge problem that is being overlooked and focus is on other pests at the moment. I trap and see several feral cats on the Oroua river catchment. A threat to Whio, Kiwi etc and spreading Toxoplasmosis.

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 22

Contribution ID: 4298
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 13, 2026, 05:37 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Of course you should be working on all. No point in only doing 1/3 of a job.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Strongly agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

You just need to look out a car window and you can see the damage done by pest. It’s very sad and depressing and embarrassing

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Every bit of land should be trying with or without council help. Buffer zones on doc land should be bigger.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

All land owners should be aware of pest and do their best to take care of them. Council should be giving/ subsidising resources to help land owners achieve this. (Trapping, identifying)

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Water quality
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare
Soil resources
Human health
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Every body who owns a home rural or urban should be doing something.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Open and honestly. Get iiwi involved, Education training and jobs

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

We need to protect our local wildlife and plant life. We can’t push it to the side it needs to happen now.

Response No: 23

Contribution ID: 4297
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 10:09 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Joanne Petersen

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: The pests don't belong here. They need to be eradicated.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Don't know

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: I moved here a year ago so I am still learning the current situation.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: For the good of all the pests need to he eradicated.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 50

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: We all have to work together

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare
Soil resources
Water quality
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 24

Contribution ID: 4296
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 09:44 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Don't know

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

70

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

If there is more control with Horizons there is a measurable, reportable and consistent approach with govt funding rather than inconsistent unmeasureable pest controls. Potentially less incidents due to untrained use of controls and a better approach. Education on how pest controls and how to use any pest control methods combined with targeted approach would be the most effective as council cannot be everywhere.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control

Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Water quality
Human health
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing
Social and cultural wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

I think everyone has a responsibility for pest control whether that is catching and killing mice in residential urban areas or possums or stoats on larger areas.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

As a volunteer scout leader we have been educating youth ages 11-14 years of age about the important of pest control and the benefits to our native flora and fauna. We recently caught a possum using leg hold traps and showed the youth how to plug the fur. We have built mouse/rat traps to be in place for a local campsite and taken leg hold traps tramping with us in the Tararua and Ruahine ranges.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Id love to know of any govt discounted trapping systems to help get more pest control measures onto private and rural properties. We could use these for educational methods as well as play our part to reduce pests in the area.

Response No: 25

Contribution ID: 4295
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 09:01 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

Greg Baigent

Q2 **Email address**

Email

[redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Would be very frustrating to be doing your bit and pests keep coming in from somewhere with no pest management

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

We should be in charge of our own pest management but some advise and help would be helpful

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Soil resources
Water quality
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Economic wellbeing
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Very important to remove these pests

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

More needs to be done about feral cats

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 26

Contribution ID: 4294
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 08:45 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

Frances McKeown

Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Rangitīkei

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Prevention is required. Education of pests habits,food, etc means to me prevention is sometimes better that cure.
The area we live in should be of interest to everyone good news & bad so involvement and informing everyone is regular.
Controlling what we have already is necessary but public knowledge is always needed.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

70

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

We pay rates. Sometimes we don't have the 'tools' to get rid of pests & need help.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control

Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Water quality
Human health
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing
Animal welfare
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Wasps on our bee industry and native forests/native bees

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Some sized properties eg farms have bigger pest problems where as small town properties may not so its should be a mix

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Targeting deer would cost more than targeting cats in towns.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Keep the lines of communication open

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

insect managment

Response No: 27

Contribution ID: 4293
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 08:24 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

SARAH MALONE

Q2 **Email address**

Email

[redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Other: kapiti

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

a partnership with consultaion and listening to land owners.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Water quality
Human health
Animal welfare
Soil resources
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

follow maori principles like not poisoning the land.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

1080 should be banned. ive seen how it lands on paths and tracks and in the water . its been used 70 years and the bush is worst now. its also very cruel and kills birds, animals and gets in the water that supplies our drinking water. it should be stopped. nz is tb free now by world standards so no need for that reason either.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

as above the 1080 poisoning of the tararuas must stop.

in addition this survey gives very little opportunity to actually give feedback.

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 28

Contribution ID: 4292
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 06:22 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

[redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Economic wellbeing
Human health
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Water quality
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Soil resources
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply only to larger properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Would like to access to hunt deer

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Would like more access to hunt deer

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting recreational, social, or cultural values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 29

Contribution ID: 4291
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 05:49 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Strongly agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Not enough repeat poisoning to achieve a good reduction in pests

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

To ensure a standard approach that has common achievable goals

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Economic wellbeing
Soil resources
Water quality
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 30

Contribution ID: 4290
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 02:06 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Co-operation between all parties is vital to having a productive response to pest management, pests don't discriminate and if the landowner has a problem then the property next door that might be rate payer owned will have a problem and only removing pests from one of those places does not fix the overall issue.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Strongly agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

There is no council driven programs in the manawatu region for the pest free 2050 goal, this puts our region well behind others like Wellington, Taranaki and the Hawkes Bay.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Everyone needs to be responsible for their own land and pest problems on them, but the key is to provide council support to them to educate and ultimately start managing the pests.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Horizons should be doing more than educating/enforcement but the landowners ultimately have control over their property and have responsibility to their neighbours to keep pests under control.

Horizons could organise community meetings/gatherings of parties of landowners that need to work together to remove pests from their areas. Horizons could also harvest data from the pest management that is then sorted and provided to those landowners so there can be better responses to outbreaks or spread. Subsidies for traps/bait

could be provided to encourage landowners to participate. You could also look to the Miramar penninsula pest free response over covid and take things that they did to encourage participation in pest management.

Landowners should have responsibility to report any pest sightings they get on their land to the council. By law/regulation they should have responsibility to complete pest management on a regular basis to keep pest numbers down for themselves and the landowners around them. Landowners need to participate financially in regard to pest management too as they brought the land and need to maintain it.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
Animal welfare
Water quality
Soil resources
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

If everyone shares the cost then the burden is less for everyone. Landowners provide things to the city and the city provides things to the landowners so there is mutual benefit of removing pests from all locale.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Minor control to keep these at bay is a great idea but I think there are bigger issues like mustelids and rodents that need to be properly managed first.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Promote huntings engagement and education and the problem will take care of itself. Let hunters on to blocks that they don't normally have access to and they will hunt the deer for the council.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild
Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

There should be more support for community lead groups in the cities/immediate rural areas for the control of mustelids + rodents. This looks like providing free traps + education to people at a community level to increase awareness and understanding which in time will help reduce the pest populations. Iwi needs to be included on cultural sites and any effected Maori lands and promoting their input across the board is valuable as they tend to have the environments best interests at heart. Industry is a great place to get knowledge of how things look on the ground and there are a good network of pest managers in the manawatu region. I'm happy to be contacted about this as I work in the manawatu doing pest management and sit on the executive council of PMANZ.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Nothing major as I live in the city and tend to manage any pests myself.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 31

Contribution ID: 4289
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 01:24 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Freda Simkin

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: This is really a combined effort when it comes to sighting and reporting, let alone eradicating noxious pests.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: I'm in the city but my husband takes our students on many bush walks in the region. (I'll send this to home too)

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: You talked about "important" areas before. Pests don't differentiate between areas - maybe just ones with food :-) If a neighbour (for example) has a breeding cat/s and is overrun with kittens that go feral, that's definitely an issue for all of us when they start spreading across the neighbourhood.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: Unfortunately, a lot of our citizens couldn't care less. Enforced compliance and follow up to ensure the pests are gone are needed :-(

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Enforcement on occupiers
Support and guidance for occupiers

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Soil resources
Water quality
Human health
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

We are losing too much of our flora and fauna to pests such as possums and feral cats.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

If you have feral cats issuing from a home on a small postage stamp of land, its still a problem. Really, it should cover all size properties.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Not a ratepayer, just a renter :-)

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

There's enough hunters in the Tararuas/Ruahines, isn't there? Is DOC still doing culls every so often?

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

No

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

No

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

No

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 32

Contribution ID: 4288
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 01:10 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Sharing the responsibility with landowners and community groups and supporting them will make it easier for current pests to be managed and preventing further pests from entering the region.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

There are still plenty of managed pests observed around the region especially further away from the main centres

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Yes very important, however there are limitations to property owners when controlling pests such as personal ethics, awareness for the existence of some pests (some animals are only seen at night or stealthy so are easily not seen and observed as being absent on a property), resources for control such as the costs of traps, bait stations, bait and skills and licensing that may be needed for control such as firearms licences or hazardous substance handling, or some areas on a rural property might be inaccessible for laying bait or traps or weed control but manages to house the pests to spread out onto other properties.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

75

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Due to the points made above on limitations of property owners for controlling pests, so considerable support is needed by Horizons to ensure the job gets done but also allows some space for land owners to contribute and be responsible for the pest control strategy where they can.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Soil resources
Water quality
Human health
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Social and cultural wellbeing
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Not sure

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Yes! We are already doing our own eradication of some these species at our own cost, because we are only doing this with limited time and resources we're only scratching the surface of the problem. We would happily pay through our rates for support or a more vigorous control programme.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Deer control is tricky as a lot of it will be on private land and the conflict with recreational hunters and landowners but more can be done on public land to prevent that from being a source of animals being fed out onto private land.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

So far the work with community groups and iwi ets is done, we need more help with private landowners wanting to do more while not having to turn their farm into a community project in order to access funding.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

I have been involved in various pest control projects such as the te Potae kiwi project, the Oroua Blue Duck Project, and two Community Groups in the North Waikato as part of the Predator Free NZ project (Thames Mountain Ike Club and Tiaki Repo ki Pukorokoro) and have undertaken pest control of Stoats, possums, feral cats, rats and mice on the current and last property we managed. With the community projects all have reported benefits to local biodiversity and reduction of targeted pests in those areas. On our private properties we don't have a system to measure biodiversity benefits but we are successfully removing large numbers of feral cats and stoats out of our space.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 33

Contribution ID: 4287
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 12:04 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Should be more occupier to manage and council to support and enforcement

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Water quality
Human health
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

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Response No: 34

Contribution ID: 4286
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 09:52 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Jo Anson

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Rangitīkei

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: We belive you need all three components to have a strategic approach to preventing, minimising or eradicating pests

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: We see Horizons working well with local councils, landowners and communities to identify and manage pests. We think the team needs the ability to respond to new potential pests if not already identified in the current plan to prevent spread eg phragmites

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Mechanisms for enforcement need to be strong

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 70

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: Horizons have the expertise (or know where to contract it from) and also needs to promote coordinated efforts

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers

Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Water quality
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Human health
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Animal welfare
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

If we dont protect our environment we will lose out on all of these. To note it was very difficult to rank so many values.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Property sizes are being reduced and there are more and more life style rural blocks so it makes sense that all property owners should be aware of their responsibilities and requirements for pest control

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Making it easy for these groups to have direct access to Horizons staff for advice and support (like the groups fortunate to be funded under the current biodiversity funding have)

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Biodiversity funding has been invaluable for our community led project. After 5yrs of funding we are now able to move into more of a maintenance programme which will be a lot less resource intensive. But groups need that sustained funding upfront to get to this point

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 35

Contribution ID: 4285
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 09:25 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Jane Mason

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Obviously we can't afford to ignore so many destructive pests already here (possums,feral cats,rabbits,goats, feral pigs etc) yet we must also be preventing future pests from arriving. Pests on occupied land are very much more actively managed than the miriad of these pests on Department of Conservation land and privately owned exotic forested land. Emphasis, costs and responsibilities on unoccupied land must be far more vigorously sort and enforced.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: I agree with the visibility of a little pest management carried out by the regional council. FAR more emphasis should be established and enforced by Council ratepayer representatives regarding the fair and direct responsibilities by specific and individua

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Extremely important for each and every specific adjacent land owner to ensure their individual pest management responsibilities. Enforcement by Council and the Biosecurity Act is paramount.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 50

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: A considerable degree of pest management is unable to be carried out by individual property owners (application of 1080, cyanide, land owner does not have a firearms license). Bottom line for Council is establishing and vigorously enforcing with land owner each individual pest management strategy required. No exceptions (DOC land, Māori

land, reserves, forested land, occupied land).

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Soil resources
Water quality
Economic wellbeing
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Human health
Animal welfare
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Bottom line is the integrity and protection of the natural indigenous environment also the threat of economic wellbeing. After protection of the essential values all other values will follow.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

A Proper Pest Management Strategy can only happen with no exceptions. Impossible for ratepayers to manage on their own. General Tax payer funding must exist alongside. Each land owner identified and responsible with proper agreed pest management in place, measured and if necessary Biosecurity enforcement 100%.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Council (whether Horizons or Local) must have a proper Pest Management overview of their region, with all identified land owners and their agreed responsibilities that are measured and enforced.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Council (whether Horizons or Local) must include deer in their pest management strategy then it becomes individual land owner management, agreement and responsibility. Biosecurity Act enforcement is necessary.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values
Other (please specify): Recognising deer and (and pigs) a very valuable resource and protein for many hunters and their families. A valuable recreational pastime with limits.

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): Regional Councils like Horizons may no longer exist. Whatever the presiding Council, it is their overarching responsibility to manage pest control with all landowners including public land, Māori land and reserves financially contributing.

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Species not yet included in the RPMP but deemed scientifically hazardous and concerning must have a specific and individual best approach whether it be Iwi, hapu, community or industry initially managed by Local Council and if enforcement legally required then under the Biosecurity Act.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

After an extremely sustained and successful pest management strategy to eliminate TB in our Ruapehu Pureora Hauhangaroa area the native forest in the DOC Estate was a significant benefactor. There was scientific recognition of this healthy canopy native forest gain with the slogan after the TB in cattle was conquered 'maintain the gain'. A shared responsibility between local Council and the Department of Conservation that should always be vigorously followed up by whatever method and means.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Regional Councils may no longer exist. Whatever the case pest management must first be scientifically identified then initially managed by local council with every land owner (ratepayer or not) identified and held responsible. Pest management is not just the sole domain of ratepayers. All landowners held financially accountable.

Response No: 36

Contribution ID: 4284
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 08:45 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

Karen Grimwade

Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Obvious that it is too late to stop some pests - they are here already.
Be nice to try to prevent new pests and save future costs and effort we cannot foresee accurately.
And obvious communities must be involved and supported. Some education wouldn't go amiss.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

I don't see that pest management is addressed. Horizons does 'help' but it is not leading.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Very important for numerous reasons I don't think I need to explain; Social and economic and environmental (Triple bottom line!).

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

I think enforcement agencies need to be seen to be walking the walk as well as talking.
Education and enforcement - carrot and stick both needed.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing
Social and cultural wellbeing
Water quality
Soil resources
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Human health
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

I am involved in conservation work. Pest management (or lack of it) has a direct impact on biodiversity and ecosystem health - thus human health and social wellbeing for all.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Quite small properties can be hosting many pests. It is not that hard or expensive to be reduce them.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I would support it so long as management was carried out efficiently (no useless contractors).
Deer and goats in particular are creating a situation whereby forest collapse could occur in future. Waterways are being ruined by Canada geese. These are serious environmental issues.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Advocacy and education at the very least.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Horizons already does quite a good job of support community groups who are getting things done. But what about where things are not getting done- needs some leadership and support.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

I am part of Predator Free Ohakune.
We have received funding from Horizons. We are grateful and find our local Horizons guy very helpful. I would just like more 'involvement' and education for the wider community. Leadership really. Nobody is leading on a regional basis and I can't see who else could do it but Regional Council. I think it is your job.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

I'm fine thanks. But think the wider community could do with education and data.

Response No: 37

Contribution ID: 4283
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 06:32 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Luke Pepper

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: I think that we seem to be losing control of pests across the board and it's time for a different and even harder line for those that don't toe the line and harbour pests of all kinds,its a tougher pest plan for me

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: I disagree because I haven't seen any evidence or measurements to agree

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: If you contol your portion but your neighbour doesn't it costs you more and more time and money ,time to get tougher on those that don't play a responsible role as an occupier

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 50

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: Because it gets a better buy in from owners, they are putting $$ in want a return and more measured approach

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Enforcement on occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers

Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Soil resources
Water quality
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Everyone who’s willing to own land has a part to play in pest reduction and plenty big and small need to do more, it’s seems to me that pest problems are increasing partly because of of the low enforcement and lack of understanding of what is a pest or even noxious weed

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

These pests are rampant at present and are taking over our natural environment we are weak in this type of work

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

With so many carbon forests here in Ruapehu and natural bush I think it's the owners responsibility to sort this issue out it's simply going to cost too much

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

The pest problem is out the gate so you should be getting loads and loads of feed back right , wrong everyone complains how bad it is but the response is low because a bit like the pest problem it's bogged down in an over complication!
Start surveys by making them easy and quicker , you'll get more buy in from a public that wants to see more meaningful results , we want to see and hear the good the bad and the ugly but be confident we are always on the right track to achieve a measured outcome

Response No: 38

Contribution ID: 4282
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 05:57 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

Jock Munro

Q2 **Email address**

Email

[redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Don't know

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

30

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Soil resources
Water quality
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I hate cats, I'm s strong believer that paying more in rates/tax is a good thing, especially for those earning a lot

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild
Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 39

Contribution ID: 4281
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 12, 2026, 04:39 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

Linda Spearpoint

Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Focus should be on all as it is impossible to control what is already here without taking measures to avoid more arriving. Many landowners and communities are poorly equipped or educated on what their responsibilities are especially around blackberry etc.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

We currently have an issue with blackberry clogging up our streams both on private and public areas with no sign of it being addressed despite discussions.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

We currently pay high rates with very little management from Horizons. Communities and individuals are poorly equipped for this while Horizons have the means and expertise. Its what we are paying for. However there needs to be some responsibility from the landowners.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Water quality
Animal welfare
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Despite the size of the property pests can breed or grow and spread to other areas. This hinders neighbours who are trying to control their own area.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

This is an area I feel should be controlled by DOC.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

This should managed through DOC and deer hunters.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

To provide educational meeting both in communities and especially visiting schools to educate our young generation. We have some great programs already which show school engagement is working.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

We are have a large area of blackberry that is blocking waterways and restricting flow especially during flooding.
Some is on private land but alot is on public managed by either Horizons or PNCC.
Nobody wants to take responsibility for this pest.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 40

Contribution ID: 4280
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 11, 2026, 10:28 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

Heather Hood

Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

70

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Because Horizons are bettwr positioned and would have the knowledge and resources to have a greater impact at managing pests than if Joe Bloggs just grabs whatever is easiest or affordable. Potentially also less humane than if an authority leads the response.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Funding or incentives for control

Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Water quality
Soil resources
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Human health
Animal welfare
Social and cultural wellbeing
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

It would have to be done so in a cost effective way, and with some sort of measurable factor as to its success. Wouldn't want an incentive to keep pest populations about as a steady stream of income.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Don't know

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

While absolutely think Horizons has some role to play, there are plenty of skilled Hunters who would likely gladly assist.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Don't know

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Don't become narrow minded in working with other groups or people - cast the net wide. Gather lots of perspectives. However, maintain core responsibility and control.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

There needs to be general education, particularly for tourists or those visiting the area, but also a heavy punishment for those that wilfully transport or protect pests.

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 41

Contribution ID: 4279
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 11, 2026, 10:25 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Other: Masterton

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Prevention, and tighter Bio security at borders.
More manpower needed for trap setting. Stop airdropping of 1080 onto the land.
Pay trappers...landowners or communitys persons, for pests pelts.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

The Wairarapa area should be included.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Pests need to be eradicated, everywhere as they breed up very rapidly.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

100

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Horizon.... more skilled manpower, and
equipment on hand.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control

Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Water quality
Soil resources
Animal welfare
Human health
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Too many foreign pests, plants, also ocean bed pests and plants are invading our land, rivers, and seabed

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

From... "Small Acorns grow Mighty Oaks."
Be it a rapidly growing spreading pest plants, and waterway pest plants or types of aquaticpest fishand plants. they all need to be eradicated and sorted as soon as possible.
Bio security should be more diligent at our airports, seaports, and incoming tourist especially the large passenger Cruiseships.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

The Government should employ and pay professional hunters, to eradicate deer, pigs, goats, on a talley basis.
Recreational... land hunters, to be paid a monitory, talley for killed cats and Canadian Geese.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

My answer is above... the previous question.
(The Government)

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Other (please specify): Hire professional Deer Hunters.

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Horizon employees... maybe select members for a committee...to go out and meet and talk, with all of the above listed people/groups.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Our area has pest plants, Arun lillies, Tradescantia, Ragwort, Purple pampas, Agapanthus, Banana passion fruit, and many many more others

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Is there anything Free...Horizon would provide apart from advice, to help with animal, plant, and pest eradication for the area I reside in?

Response No: 42

Contribution ID: 4278
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 11, 2026, 09:46 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

Rob Foreman

Q2 **Email address**

Email

[redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

We are lucky to see horizons yearly to control possums. Generally they turn up just before the end of the financial year which indicates to me that we are of low importance

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I feel horizons should help land owners with pest control on their own property. But not force pest control on them. They could help by baiting boundary lines, supplying fencing to help keep pests out

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

A shared responsibility is the best way forward.
Initiatives like the doc great goat hunt to encourage land owners to cull pests is a good idea.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers

Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
Soil resources
Water quality
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

All land owners in New Zealand have a responsibility to pay towards pest control

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Horizons should work with land owners to help them manage these pest on farm by supplying ammo/traps etc

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Horizons should focus on deer control in doc and public land in its area
And work with farmers if and when they require help.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Provide help and advice, funding and expertise

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

The current crew we get on farm for possum control lead by Bevan Holm are awesome.
Would love to see them more often as possums numbers are rising.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

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Response No: 43

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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I feel it is largely up to farmers/landowners to determine how pest control is undertaken on their farms. It's important to work together with regional councils on carrying out pest control. But we shouldn't be bullied into undertaking it.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

If we were able to have possum control done more than once every few years they would be lower in numbers.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

We can't force people into something they don't wish for, we can however go harder on our own boundaries to stop it spreading if we choose to with Horizons help.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

I think horizons should be able to help those who wish to jump on board and help fund pest control but unable to force themselves onto land for the sake of pest control if it's not unreasonably under pressure or causing issues to those who boundary them.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Not concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

I think all properties should contribute just as we do as pests don't care how big a property is they will survive and live where ever they can.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I would not support this, we do our own pest control at our own costs. Deer on our property isn't an issue and we use the deer for meat and goats are regularly culled on farm as family outdoor activities and hobbies. We also cull cats. If horizons could help fund farmers that are proactive about pest control it would be more successful than telling them what to do, like the DOC goat cull, great incentive to get out there culling goats.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

It's up to land owners on private land.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Other (please specify): Culling deer in the public land and DOC bush.

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): Possums and feral cats.

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 44

Contribution ID: 4276
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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Obviously we need to focus effort, but there's no point fighting pests already here if we're ignoring new ones and allowing them to establish, and conversely if we're focusing all effort on fighting new pests then what's the point if we're allowing the ones already here to take over.
Spreading effort between these goals seems to be the best option.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

I think if there is an expectation that landowners do the majority of control, there is a high likelihood that some landowners just won't do it. Relying on enforcement actions will still miss landowners that either are never reported by their neighbours, or who refuse/don't do a good job. I don't think that Horizons should cover all the costs, but programmes that need a landscape-scale approach (e.g. the PCO) are more likely to be successful if there is a consistent effort that Horizons can oversee.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Water quality
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Soil resources
Human health
Economic wellbeing
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

It's a landscape scale problem, and without leadership from regional (and national) authorities, this problem is only going to get worse. Trying to control populations on individual properties is next to useless when there are constant sources of invasion from elsewhere.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

It's a landscape scale problem, and needs a management programme at that scale. At least if deer were in the RPMP then there could be a requirement for forestry companies to undertake deer control in forest blocks, for example. Deer also affect both native ecosystems and farm productivity, and therefore it's in everyone's interest to reduce deer numbers. There are always going to be people that like them being in the landscape, but while they're not even classified as pests, there's a lot of people who don't realise how much of a problem they really are.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

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Response No: 45

Contribution ID: 4275
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Date Submitted: May 11, 2026, 11:57 AM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: All of these need to act together to allow for best chance of success (i.e. none of the individual statements will be effective on their own)

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: I do not have enough knowledge on the matter to determine if the current approach is successful

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: I feel uncomfortable on requiring adjacent properties to manage their pests solely because they may move onto my land

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 75

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: HRC are the arguably the main beneficiary of pest control (if it works) - hence should account for the bulk of the costs.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns

Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Economic wellbeing
Human health
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Water quality
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

The control of feral vertebrates by recreational hunters need to be better considered. I would guess that for every HRC officer/ranger that exists, there are some 5,000 hunters (if not more). HRC should investigate facilitating hunter access etc.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 46

Contribution ID: 4274
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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I feel that it isn't fair to blanket bait or trap without consultation from landowners, this isn't just a letter in the mailbox either. By consultation, I mean an in person visit or phone call about best strategy specific to the farm/ land area.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

The current approach is rather harsh, and could be softened slightly to have some animals available for hunting.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
Water quality
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
Soil resources
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Economic wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild
Protecting farmland and production values
Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 47

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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I have moved from Wellington to the Manawatu. My partner worked for predator free Wellington and seeing the results pay off I understand it takes a collaborative approach from landowners, eradication and management of pests.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Don't know

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

I rarely see traps of information about trapping in my area

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Soil resources
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Water quality
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

NZ is home to rates species not found anywhere else it is a big part of th nations identity and the reason people visit. Without our indigenous species we loose our mana

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 48

Contribution ID: 4272
Member ID:
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

A collective approach is required with landowners and iwi being engaged and aware of pest issues.
Focussing on pests already here and preventing new infestations are both important as some already impact us and others have detrimental consequences if they establish here.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Im not aware of pest management taking place by Horizons in my area

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Pests aren't bound by property boundaries, and depending on the layout of various land blocks the neighbours may not be aware or have the ability to contain pests

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Occupiers have greater control of their areas and know their places far better than Horizons but aren't resourced to manage pests, even though everyone pays rates of which a portion goes towards this work. Enforcement isn't the answer, but education and resourcing community would make a difference.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Soil resources
Water quality
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Pest impacts on indigenous biodiversity are extremely high and a cause for concern, the flow on effects negatively impacting the health and wellbeing of ecosystems.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Understanding the significant impacts and prioritizing management whilst considering cost are all important

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

This is something that owners & occupiers can do but it should be resourced in some way

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Regular engagement with iwi & community at place, raising awareness of pest species & management techniques

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

I have seen ferrets in broad daylight hunting rabbits and birds in close proximity to Putiki and Upokongaro. This is concerning as visibility means active presence.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

There are many groups doing pest control but there may not be coordinated activity or knowledge of what everyone is doing. whether it's making a difference...

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 49

Contribution ID: 4271
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 10, 2026, 09:50 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Deer, rabbits and possums are running rampant

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Pests are rapidly increasing

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Not important at all

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Rules are a waste of time without real action

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

The current outbreak of four legged pests on farmland is a dirct result of council inaction for 20 years

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Economic wellbeing
Soil resources
Water quality
Human health
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Not concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

None of those values talk about the effect on farmland and the resultant loss of income

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Not required

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

We are trying to manage pests but the restrictive rules on semi and automatic rifles makes it a much slower process

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

When are you going to stop talking and having meetings, rather than putting armed feet on the ground?

Response No: 50

Contribution ID: 4270
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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Don't know

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Soil resources
Water quality
Economic wellbeing
Human health
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 51

Contribution ID: 4269
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Water quality
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing
Soil resources
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values
Protecting the environment and native species

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 52

Contribution ID: 4268
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 10, 2026, 07:52 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Strongly agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Community working together

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Water quality
Human health
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Social and cultural wellbeing
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Native animals insects and birds are struggling and their numbers are in decline

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Don't know

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Not sure how big this problem is

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 53

Contribution ID: 4267
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 10, 2026, 07:09 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Lisa Swinburn

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Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: It take all 3 to make a big difference not one would work on its own

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text:

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text:

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 30

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: Not all occupiers have the skill or knowledge to remove pests

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
Soil resources
Water quality
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Economic wellbeing
Human health
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Plenty of hunters etc around that could do it if allowed

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 54

Contribution ID: 4266
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 10, 2026, 06:38 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Pest affect native plant species and native birds

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Equal responsibility

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Water quality
Social and cultural wellbeing
Soil resources
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply only to larger properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

We all have a responsibility to support pest management

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Hui and set up local community groups to educate and promote activities such as backyard trapping and tracking of numbers on a database from these initiatives. People are encouraged when they see results.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

We did backyard trapping in Taranaki. We noticed an influx of native bird in our backyard as a result.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 55

Contribution ID: 4265
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 10, 2026, 03:00 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Gordon Kuggeleijn

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Costs effectiveness. By keeping options open HRC can determine - with communities - which approach best fits the situation.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: CATS - not enough done to eradicate wild cats or control pet cats. Current poison area rules stops the sale of wild venison. Fix the rules or stop using poisons. Brodi, pindone 1080. Use cyanide - no residual poison leading to secondary poisoning.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: The whole of catchment, area, zone approach is most cost effective.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 53

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: We are all in this together. HRC staff change, land owners change. Having the longer term knowledge combining with new staff/land owners is most cost effective and logical. And the land owners fund most of this direct through rates or via government grants from our TAX, Respect the golden rule.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Economic wellbeing
Soil resources
Water quality
Human health
Animal welfare
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

What we have now is what we have. Keeping our environment in this state, or improving things with a few moderate changes is most affordable and logical. We have to make money to pay for any changes. People first and we are all equal. And those that pay the rates, taxes should have the real say in priorities, above all others. Spending money on nice to have ideas before ensuring financially viable businesses can operate is most important and logical. What did you lot do to vege farmers re nitrogen ?? A bit of a dumb situation really.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

We are all in this together ! Divide and rule? keep us going as one big team.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Your poison policies have led to the current situation. By removing all overly toxic , long lasting poisons and freeing up the sale and sharing and harvesting of game meat animals - we can reduce any overload on the environment. CATS should be removed. Put a bounty on cats, ferrets, stoats. These are the real problem for our native species - and pheasants, quail, duck - valued species. Puts cats where they belong, not with deer, goats and pigs and game birds. Put cats with stoats.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

These are a valued game species. Have you sought opinion from the GAC ? (Game Animal Council) NZDA. local hunting clubs directly or will you do that asap? Fish and Game ?

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): Cats, ferrets, stoats, hedge hogs rats and mice. Possums in that order.

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Education. HRC staff should be aware of and educated about the wider possible issues that may arrive. Then bring that to the rate payers notice, awareness. eg. cats, OMB, nassella tussock to name a few.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

HRC are doing and have done great work. Possums is a good one currently. I feel this is getting lower priority?? Focus for possums should be on going around our forests managed by DOC. eg. Ruahine Forest Park boundaries with farmland need much more work than areas away from the boundaries. Currently NO extra possum control happens in this reinfestation zone. So, get that done. HRC staff know how to do this, and have done a brilliant job with in Tararua.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

The future direction - value our game animals as a food and economic resource. Change the poison rules to allow this. All that has and is happening is very good. Just the future direction priorities can change for the better. Yeah, my opinion only.

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 56

Contribution ID: 4264
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 10, 2026, 02:52 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

One man's pest is another's valued game animal. It's all about perspective, one size does not fit all scenarios.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

25

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

If the pests are on your land then you should be the primary manager. Some landowners are responsible for the pests being introduced to their properties.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Soil resources
Water quality
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
Economic wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Not concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

The echo systems usually take care of themselves it's when man interferes that things start to go wrong

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Not important at all

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

There are large numbers of hunters in the area that will control animals for free. Unfortunately they are locked out of large areas of land by the owners who then go to council and expect ratepayers to foot the bill. Access is the biggest issue to controlling animals.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

As above. New Zealand Deerstalkers Association and DOC have been running a nationwide goat culling programme for 2 years. This year they approached Federated Farmers to contact their members to try and get access to farms to help them control goats on their properties. Federated Farmers did join reluctantly. NO farmers came on board! This access issue is worse when it comes to deer!

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 57

Contribution ID: 4263
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 10, 2026, 01:43 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Laura Simpson

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Focusing on preventing pests arriving could likely take resources from the efforts to control those which are alreay here. Working with landowners, catchment groups, and the general community can increase by in to have people involved and caring about their surrounding environment.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: Seeing an increase in possum numbers at the moment, and weeds increasing around Awahuri rod, near the confluence of the Mangaone West and Makino stream

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: It's a team effort to control weeds and pests, and it's nice to be able to have something to encourange others to be held accountable.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 70

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: Landowners should have the ability to do own pest control if they wish to, but this needs to be inline with requiements to meet wider pest control programmes and outcomes

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Water quality
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Human health
Economic wellbeing
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Our native species are just so special to who we are as new zealanders, and they need all the protection and help they can get.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Everyone should be part of the programme

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I'd rather my rates go to this than empty buses that run red lights PN

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

And work with the likes of catchment groups, venison packers, DOC etc.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

I'm seeing an increase in the collboration between industry good orgs (beef n lamb etc) and regional catchment groups. Horizons provide wonderful support here, and I would like to see these collaborations continue with the support to involve widrer community and iwi/hapu.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Horizons have been a great support to Mangaone West Catchment group over the last 26 years with continued possum bait operations. As we're so closde town, continued work is appreciated to reduce possum numbers spreading.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 58

Contribution ID: 4262
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 10, 2026, 01:32 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Michelle Brink

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: It's up to us all as a collective for pest management

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text:

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: We have a strong pest management strategy on all our properties . We are surrounded by land owners who have absolutely no interest in pest management on their properties thus costing us a strong long term pest management when those pests are constantly entering our properties.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider:

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: It's a collective responsibility of both land owners and regional councils if we are to achieve some kind of sustainable pest control

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Enforcement on occupiers
Support and guidance for occupiers

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Water quality
Soil resources
Animal welfare
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

In fairness all properties regardless of size should be responsible.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): All of the above

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): All of the above

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
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Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 59

Contribution ID: 4261
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 10, 2026, 01:09 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

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[redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
Water quality
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Keep use of poisons to absolute minimum

Response No: 60

Contribution ID: 4260
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 09, 2026, 07:01 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

Mary-Anne Hart

Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

We have many possums in the reserve behind our house last year I caught 13

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

not enough is being done

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Water quality
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Human health
Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 61

Contribution ID: 4259
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 08, 2026, 06:30 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

Jennifer Yanko

Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

We already have banana passion fruit and convolvulus taking over and spreading further every year in the same places. Trying to tackle everything at once just spreads already stretched resources. Get one thing at a time under control.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Banana passion fruit vines are present in very accessible areas within suburbs of Palmerston North, and habe been getting bigger every year. This should be an easy win for the council, but instead it's ignored.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

A landowner needs to be responsible for maintaining their land, not just generating profit off it or land banking. Owning land is a privilege.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Horizons should take a harder approach when landowners don't take appropriate action to control invasive plants. Landowners should be charged when Horizons is required to intervene after advice and any free resources have been ignored.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Soil resources
Water quality
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Lifestyle blocks are often maintained below the standard of a larger farm due to costs and time constraints. Boundaries are often the source of weeds creeping into farmland and pests can be introduced more readily from non agricultural mulches and plant stocks from small scale operators. Often new block owners are blissfully unaware of things like pea weevil, agapanthus spread, giant willow aphids, banana passion fruit, pond weeds etc

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Not important at all

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Leave the ungulate population for DOC to manage and birds to fish and game.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
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Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

No, iwi need to be better organized in the region and take the initiative to protect and improve the land they supposedly value.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Yes. I reported rooks years ago (with photos) and was told they were magpies. I gave locations of nests to confirm. Years later DOC asked for images which I provided and they couldn't believe I was ignored. Nests were in the old cloverlea carpark in the gum trees when they were there. Also noticed the 'weed free' promise out by Massey was abandoned

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 62

Contribution ID: 4258
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 08, 2026, 06:15 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I already do bio-security work on mine and neighboring blocks.
I see blackberry creeping along our road. I just cannot understand why my neighbours don't spra y it when they have the equipment on their tractor or quad. I plan to do it myself if I can next year.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

I never see any monitoring of contractors work, checking how effective their work is by your own staff.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

For goodness sake, I don't want them on my place. Ragwort is a problem here. the seed blows a long way. There are b no sheep on my bush block to control it.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

We do pay rates!!!

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns

Enforcement on occupiers
Support and guidance for occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
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The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

I live on the edge of rural bush and can see what is happening.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Smaller properties should contribute to rule implementation because the can be just as bad as bigger properties.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Because I have limited income being a retiree and I already do feral control.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

see above

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Cats, cats, cats, are the worst pest. They are the main reason juvenile kiwi don't make it to adulthood!!!! along with other native birds, Followed by mustelids and rats in our area.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

It is impossible for NZ to be predator free by 2050 or any time after that!!! It is totally prohibitive financially!!
I am totally against Genetic engineering of any sort for pest control or anything else for that matter.
I grew up rurally and lived rurally and next to native bush all my life, farming in my own right, "owning them", ruminant animals, large scale chickens and large scale bees, so as a result I know nature very well.
The dicking around of nature with Genetic Engineering, Genetic Modification and Genetic Modification of Microorganisms, eg. covid and covid injections. Pfizer's own information said that, among many side effects. caused the Hunta Virus on that cruise ship, which has now been detected in Europe and Singapore. In my opinion GE, GM, and GMM will cause the end of ALL life on earth. I am not religious at all, but the only thing that could possibly stop that is divine intervention!!!

Response No: 63

Contribution ID: 4257
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 08, 2026, 05:09 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

Christine Sumner on behalf of SPCA

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Other: Auckland

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text SPCA is concerned about the welfare impact of methods used to control animals targeted in the pest management plan or those not targeted but still impacted. Pest management methods should cause the least harm to the fewest animals. Methods including leg-hold traps and poisoning (currently via secondary), carry a high welfare impact to animals due to prolonged fear, pain, or stress. We are also concerned that people engaging in pest management are not experienced, not using best practices such as appropriate firearms that lead to a swift death, are setting lethal traps that have not passed animal welfare performance assessment or not in good working order, or are using live traps that are not checked frequently enough to reduce the welfare impact on a trapped animal. We are concerned that people may be modifying a trap system (such as enlargening the size of the access hole in the mesh baffle of a trap tunnel) which then allows animals of a species to interact with a lethal trap for which it is not designed. For example, a cat may be able to enter a trap tunnel with a lethal trap designed for stoats or rats, and end up captured in the trap, but not immediately killed. This can bring serious welfare cost for the animal, such as severe injury or a prolonged death.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box Don't know

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text SPCA advocates that Horizons Council make clear distinctions between feral cats and cats that are stray or companions. SPCA supports the use of cat categories that are included in the National Cat Management Group Report. The definitions advanced in the National Cat Management Group Report are based on the definitions in the Code of Welfare: Companion Cats which is tertiary legislation under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
We support the use of these definitions because distinguishing between companion, stray, and feral cats ensures cat welfare and social license to manage cats are central to decisions about cat management. New Zealanders show rather high support for feral cat management (Palmer & Thomas, 2023). Studies in New Zealand have found the public is more concerned about the impacts of feral cats, (and unmanaged strays and colony cats) on native and nonnative wildlife compared to companion cats (Ovenden et al., 2024; Walker et al., 2017). However, public support of feral cat management can be impacted by confusion in determining if a cat is truly feral or stray (Deak et al., 2019). Lethal control of feral cats is generally more acceptable to the public, conservationists, and cat advocates than lethal control of stray cats (Farnworth et al., 2011; 2014; Nguyen et al., 2022; Palmer & Thomas, 2023). Importantly, inadequate justification and use of lethal control may be poorly supported by the public (Farnworth et al., 2014).
We have seen where failure to distinguish stray cats from feral cats in local communities can lead to a backlash against feral cat management (e.g., N Canterbury feral cat hunt). We are concerned failing to factor in the complexities of managing urban and rural cats (e.g., that most companion cats roam from home and will roam far from home, stray cats can be lost or abandoned companion cats) leads to an erosion of concern about a cat's welfare and leads to management practices that undermine their welfare and put cats in communities at risk.
Deak, B. P., Ostendorf, B., Taggart, D., A., Peacock, D., E., & Bardsley, D. K. (2019). The significance of social perceptions in implementing successful feral cat management strategies: A global review. Animals, 9(9), Article 617. https://doi.org/10.3390/ani9090617
Farnworth, M. J., Campbell, J., & Adams, N. J. (2011). What's in a name? Perceptions of stray and feral cat welfare and control in Aotearoa, New Zealand. Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science, 14(1), 59-74.

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Farnworth, M. J., Watson, H., & Adams, N. J. (2014). Understanding control of non-native wild and feral mammals: Similarities and differences in the opinions of the general public, animal protectionists and conservationists in New Zealand (Aotearoa). Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science, 17(1), 1-17. https://doi.org/10.1080/10888705.2013.799414
Nguyen, T., Balanovic, J., Aley, J., & Neff, M. B. (2022). Human dimensions of Predator Free 2050: A literature overview of social and behavioural research. Department of Conservation. https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/f98m3
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Palmer, A., & Thomas, V. (2023). Categorisation of cats: Managing boundary felids in Aotearoa New Zealand and Britain. People and Nature, 5(5), 1539-1551. https://doi.org/10.1002/pan3.10519
Walker, J. K., Bruce, S. J., & Dale, A. R. (2017). A survey of public opinion on cat (Felis catus) predation and the future direction of cat management in New Zealand. Animals, 7(7), Article 49. https://doi.org/10.3390/ani7070049

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

SPCA encourages Horizons Council to support efforts to desex and microchip companion cats as complementary to feral cat management. SPCA recognises the ecological impact of all types of cats in New Zealand across urban, rural, and wild locations. All types of cats (companion, stray, and feral) need to be managed holistically and in socially acceptable ways if we are to reduce the impact of cats on wildlife and also reduce overpopulation of cats in our communities. Companion cat populations contribute to stray cat populations, which can also then contribute to feral cat populations. Efforts to control feral cats need to also promote desexing (and microchipping) of companion and stray cats to help reduce future contributions to feral cat populations (see McDonald et al., 2023).
SPCA is concerned about the welfare of cats in our communities, especially companion cats that are undesexed, not microchipped or if microchipped, not registered, or allowed to roam from home. There are welfare risks to these individual cats from injury, illness, disease, death, or becoming lost or stolen. We are concerned that cats in our communities face the risk of being captured in lethal or live traps as more people are involved in biodiversity protection. Undesexed companion and stray cats contribute to overpopulation of cats in communities, which then leads to many stray kittens and cats facing challenges such as illness, death, or being targeted for pest control. Approximately 30% of the kittens that come into our care each year across our Centres are unhealthy. We assume there are many kittens that don't make it into care and experience welfare harm and death in the community.
SPCA is concerned that the cost barrier to desexing and microchipping leaves companion cats at risk as we know this is the primary barrier for cat owners. We know that ensuring a high rate of desexing amongst companion cats is needed at all times to reduce the number of stray cats in communities that also possibly contribute to feral cat populations. SPCA offers subsidised desexing services to cat owners and desexing grants to local rescues to help alleviate the cost of desexing and microchipping.
SPCA is concerned about cat nuisance in communities because it can lead to people taking matters into their own hands when they are frustrated with a lack of options to resolve nuisance. We are concerned that people will harm or kill neighbourhood cats, including using restricted traps in communities (e.g., leg-hold traps).
We are concerned that efforts to target feral cats without clear messaging and guidance on distinguishing feral cats from stray cats risks stray and companion cat welfare.
McDonald, J., Finka, L., Foreman-Worsley, R., Skillings, E., & Hodgson, D. (2023). Cat: Empirical modelling of Felis Catus population dynamics in the UK. PloS ONE, 18(7), Article e0287841. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.028784

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

SPCA is increasingly concerned about the welfare harm to animals related to people modifiying kill trap systems such as enlarging mesh or entrances designed to exclude non target animals, use of kill traps and leg hold traps in circumstances where companion animals are at risk, and failure to check live capture traps as required under the law. We urge Horizons Council to take a leadership role in ensuring legal obligations for using live traps and best practices for any trapping of animals are clearly communicated to community groups and individuals that are engaging in pest manageement activities. We are happy to discuss this further.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

This submission is on behalf of SPCA.

Response No: 64

Contribution ID: 4256
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 08, 2026, 01:50 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Preventing pests coming in currently can create savings down the line if the prevention is working and stops a potentially costly pest entering our region.

Controlling pests in our region (through maintaining their current spread or trying to eradicate low density pests) helps as maintaining animal pests allows for bush regen and less pasture loss on farms, and prevents loss of biodiversity and smothering of pine crops etc for plant pests.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Rory and the team to a great job already, however more can be done. Probably not with the limited funding you currently have, but somehow getting private land owners on board or educated about certain pests could work.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I live in a property where the pest plants are constantly spreading into my current property and it is frustrating. As a landowner you'd hope that the pests can be managed, but in most cases it can be out of the control of the council.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Landowners have a responsibility to control common pests and identify and remove some pests, however when expertise is needed or a local infestation is greater than the landowner can manage, the council should get involved.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing
Human health
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
Water quality

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Losing species locally or forever by pest ingress would be devastating, and can in some cases impact the ecosystem.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

We have to think about the bigger picture. Just because it isn't affecting you now doesn't mean you shouldn't pay for it, as lack of control may result in you being burdened by that pest

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Feral animals should've controlled far more than they are now. The damage on the environment and the economy is huge. Whether people like it or not, feral cats and ungulates cause huge damage and should be controlled.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

So many of our rare ecosystems are damaged or are collapsing due to the sheer number of deer. Let alone the economic impact of pasture damage. Their numbers need to be massively reduced, or removed.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 65

Contribution ID: 4255
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Date Submitted: May 07, 2026, 03:33 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Jennifer Lowe

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Prevention of new pests and managing existing pests are both important. You can't have one without the other. And one group or organization can't prevent / manage pests alone. Community buy-in will be vital.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: I haven't lived in the area for long and don't know enough. But I see a lot of pest plants in the area eg masses of pampas grass which suggests it's being left to spread. But I also know Horizons is leading work to fix lake horowhenua so prioritizing perh

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Not everyone is approachable or reasonable so regulation can be important.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 70

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: Actually I think Horizons needs to provide leadership to the community, and expertise in general and for the bigger and most important priorities (such as lake horowhenua). But community-led projects should be the majority with the regional council providing strategic guidance and support. And the regional council focuses on delivering on the bigger and more challenging priorities.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Water quality
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Human health
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Pests affect all of these values and seem to be more prevalent with not enough funding to combat. Just look at the impact of Wilding pines. I don't want to live in a monoculture pine forest.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
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Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Everyone has a role to play and I'm not sure why the onus to contribute should only be on larger property owners? I've just moved into a residential property that has agapanthus- which I'm going to remove. It may be a small thing to do in the context of pest management but small steps (as in everyone playing a role) can end up having a bigger impact?

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Obviously it depends on by how much as times are hard but I think prioritizing feral animal management is important. But pest plants seem to me a bigger economic and social threat?

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I don't feel I know enough specifically about deer management.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Don't know

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

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Landowners manage pests themselves
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Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

It would be good to know the active community groups working in pest management and how to get involved.

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 66

Contribution ID: 4254
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 07, 2026, 12:04 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Rangitīkei

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I wish to reinforce the imperative nature of possum control and the implications regarding TB and native bird life. Control measures in recent years were excellent to the point that possums were in very low numbers and difficult to find. Now they seem to be everywhere. The gains made have been lost.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

See above

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Select Box

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

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Slider

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Select Box

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Long Text

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Multi Choice

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Select Box

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Select Box

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Long Text

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Select Box

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Select Box

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Long Text

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Select Box

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Long Text

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Select Box

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 67

Contribution ID: 4253
Member ID:
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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Other: Canterbury

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Don't know

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

There can be a greater consistency in landscape-scale management when one party manages most of the control. However landowners should still hold some responsibility

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Water quality
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare
Human health

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Smaller property sizes would increase costs for enforcing compliance

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

No

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Yes, but not in the horizons region

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 68

Contribution ID: 4252
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Date Submitted: May 07, 2026, 07:08 AM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 69

Contribution ID: 4251
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 07, 2026, 07:07 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

As a landowner, my husband and I have been working with the regional council to eradicate possums. Through our joint efforts, we have lessened the population considerably. It requires both the regional council and landowners to have more effectiveness in dealing with pest problems. For the whole community.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Together, we are doing great with the possum population. Rabbits are an ongoing problem. The bait doesn't seem to work. Just feels like we are feeding them. The strength of the poison is so low that i gave up using bait for rabbits.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Not important at all

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

It's kind of a ridiculous statement. How does anyone stop any type of pest from going where they want to? How could anyone manage to do that ?

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

By having shared responsibility, the task gets done.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Human health
Water quality
Soil resources
Animal welfare
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

I continually are trying to get rid of Bathurst bur from establishing itself as well as deadly nightshade and that other creeping vine with white tubular flowers. It's quite disappointing that when I'm out driving, that strangulating vine is in a lot of places. I thought it was the council's responsibility to control it. Doesn't seem that there is any effort to be doing so. We struggle with California thistle on our property. We top the paddocks when we can but we still have it growing in places. Everything takes time and effort/ vigilance and for some this isn't always possible.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

I don't chose a property size. There are some regulations that I am unaware of.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

The issues I face on our property are rabbits, ducks and paradise ducks. I don't have the above animals being an issue so I don't want to add extra rates for something that is not relevant to us.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I live in an area where deer are not an issue.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Don't know

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

This seems like an ongoing discussion. Have you thought about having a meeting where the public can attend to voice their suggestions?

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

We have been working with Horizons to eradicate possums from our property. We have facilitated with Manfeild and Horizons to cover a broader area and this has been effective in lowering the effect that possums were having in our region.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 70

Contribution ID: 4250
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 07, 2026, 05:20 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Economic wellbeing
Human health
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Soil resources
Water quality
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Weeds and pests live and thrive anywhere and everywhere so mall should be covered.
Council land, especially roadsides, DOC and government land all harbour huge amounts of weeds and pests with little to no control efforts. They should be doing their share.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 71

Contribution ID: 4249
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 06, 2026, 09:50 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Rangitīkei

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

The possum control program is fantastic. Rooks were dealt with well. Feral cats are a massive issue. Peacocks are out of control.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

I have seen the fantastic results from the Horizons possum control program and this couldn't and wouldn't have been achieved without Horizons.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing
Animal welfare
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
Water quality
Soil resources
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

There is a massive issue with feral cats and peacocks.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

We need to replicate what Horizons has achieved with possum control, for cats and peacocks.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

With the popularity of deer hunting, I think that this can be coordinated and used to cost-effectively manage the feral deer population.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 72

Contribution ID: 4248
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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Water quality
Animal welfare
Soil resources
Human health
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Depends on species/goals

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 73

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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

We see reduced effort to control possom ingress

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Ingress from adjacent DOC land impossible for us to control but poisoning would help stop ingress to neighbouring farmland

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Water quality
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Human health
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Pests are a region wide problem

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Deer are a continuing problem which we take seriously and support deer culling on our propertydespite our giving free access and accomidation.
An incentive per head would encourage more partication in control of this serious problem.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

No. Our comunity has limited funds for their efforts and we fear without help communiy groups will / must eventually loose heart.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

In the past possum management was continus - regularly managed with spectacular results.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

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SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 74

Contribution ID: 4246
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 06, 2026, 02:21 PM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Other: Taumarunui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Wild goats and rabbits are our biggest ongoing issue on our 4.1 hectares on SH43, just 2.8km from Taumarunui town centre. Goats severely damage our gardens, native bush, and new plantings. We have heavily replanted the entire property to restore native trees, grasses and shrubs, encourage bird and insect life, and support frogs through a managed pond. Before we purchased the land it had been completely stripped of trees and native bush as it had been used for grazing of cattle and sheep for many years. While native birds, insects and frogs have returned, goats breached our fencing and caused extensive damage, stripping trees up to two metres high, reducing them to twigs and ring barking many. The wild goats also destroy the step limestone bluffs along the SH43 and cause erosion and rock and rubble fall onto the SH43 roading below.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: I don't see any control of wild goats in my region by Horizon / local council

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: As set out in my first text box, goats are a current and continual issue with coming into my land from surrounding council land and neigbhouring land. The council allow wild goats to breed out of control and then wander across government/council/forestry land and along roadsides without any evidence of council controls.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

If council controlled wild goats from breeding/roaming in the large blocks they tend to nest/graze/breed in then they would not be a problem for landowners in the large numbers they currently are. Landowners could then self manage any smaller numbers that appear on their land.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I don't see or experience deer as an issue in Taumarunui. I would think that there are plenty of hunters would have love the opportunity to gain access to land for deer culling without being charged.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values
Protecting the environment and native species
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Rangitīkei

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Horizons have put in place the plastic pest possum containers, they need to keep up the baiting of these stations

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

being rural there are many stands of trees which harbour our possums

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

this should be part of the Rates that we pay to Horizons, and they have the correct bait etc

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers
Funding or incentives for control

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The viability of threatened species of organisms
Human health
Economic wellbeing
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Soil resources
Water quality
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare
Social and cultural wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

if we let these problems manifest then in the end it will be out of control

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

with so many more development in the rural areas many of the new owners have never lived rural before

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

actually i understood that it already was part of our rates

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

this is not an issue for us

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

no

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Possums and Canadian Geese are our biggest problems . poison or gun is the best result

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

not sure

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 76

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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

It's all about resources. If you don't let pests in in the first place it's a lot cheaper in the long run.
Don't leave the job until it becomes a management problem. If you do it just takes an expensive forever to sort it out.
Find a way to utilise locals/farmers. The more people you can get on board the easier and cheaper the job becomes but they need monitoring. People have busy lives and often their good intentions fall by the wayside.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Possums are coming back - sometimes in considerable numbers in places where huge amounts of money and resource saw them almost totally eradicated a few years ago. Deer numbers are almost in plague proportions and nothing is being done about them.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

You are wasting your time and our money if you don't. These people need to be given the option of self control with oversight monitoring (with help i.e. electric possum traps) or compulsory eradication.
Same applies to neighbouring council areas who arent doing the job properly.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Some people like doing their own control work and do it pretty well but often they run out of time/motivation so need to be regularly monitored. When that happens there needs to be an availability to step in and take over or it all just turns to custard, and that's part of building relationships.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Animal welfare
Soil resources
Water quality
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Possums deer and pigs cause immesurable damage in forest situations and also are carriers of TB. Cats and mustelids have a major effect on all native wildlife. Erosion cased by over browsing can cause major disruption as seen in the active weather events down in the Sounds, and this in turn leads to degraded water quality and sedimentation. Without control of these pests all these values will be irretrievably be altered.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Not sure what size you have chosen, but there shouldnt be one. All you're allowing is for hot-spots to develop.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Thought you already did. With possums anyway. All the others are a real hot potato and as such the edict should come down from Central Govt so that you only have to pass on the solution and not take the blame for it. The problem with that though is that the Govt. is very weak on taking on difficult decisions. You need to have a referendum to find out where everyone stands - and not as long as this one!

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

You would be wasting your time and our money without a counrywide agreement on how it should be done. Nature abhors a vacuum and they would just sweep in from all the areas that aren't being controlled - DoC, deer lovers, patches of bush that no-one goes near, forestry areas, and with changes to gun rules there just aren't enough high calibre rifles or the young Bucks willing to use them out there that there used to be.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Keep them informed and be a constant presence, preferably get an enthusiastic local on board who can be in touch and direct the people they already know.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Control and eventual eradication requires constant vigilance. A budget needs to extend beyond five years.
A case in point: DoC did a great job controlling a considerable number of willows in the swamps up around Motuoapa (Taupo). It looked great! They thought so too, left it alone and now it's back to where it was, two years later. What a waste of time, resource and money. Don't fall into that trap. if you are going to set yourself up to eradicate a pest, make sure you have set it up for it's control and monitoring well into the future, and concrete it in so that successive changes can't alter it.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Are your neighbouring Regions - and DoC prepared to work to the same formula?
Is Central Govt. prepared to step up?
How is the proposed devolution of Regional Councils going to affect anything you may set out to attain in not only the short but the long term?

Response No: 77

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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Expertise, resources etc sit with Council so should have majority responsibility but occupiers need to play their part too when and where able.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Economic wellbeing
Water quality
Soil resources
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 78

Contribution ID: 4242
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 05, 2026, 06:58 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Spreads the work load and responsibility

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
Economic wellbeing
Water quality
Soil resources
Animal welfare
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Where feral deer are a problem consider removing brodifacoum from the possum control toxin mix to allow landowners to harvest excess animals for sale. The use of brodifacoum creates a buffer of 2 km in which no deer are able to be harvested for human consumption.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 79

Contribution ID: 4241
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 05, 2026, 05:58 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

You guys do a great job and as a small landowner i appreciate it, we get fruit on our trees as the opossums are kept under control.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Strongly agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

When i see crows flying over i call you guys and the response is good. I just hope that opossums are kept in check as they do a lot of damage

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

They have to be stopped in their tracks, we are getting a lot of feral deer come around this year, i have shot 10 so far, we own a small deer farm, so they are a problem for us.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

I pay rates and this is an important service

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control

Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
Animal welfare
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Economic wellbeing
Water quality
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Soil resources
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

We are a smaller farm and we pay rates, so i expect that pest control is for all sized blocks

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

We have deer problems due to the new pine forests, perhaps they should be charged for the pest management

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

We have a deer problem, they are a pest, i am a deer farmer by the way. They bugger our fences, they have jumped into our paddocks, they are a problem for us.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values
Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

I am a new Zealander so don't think race should come into it

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Feral Deer.
Opossums
Crows.
The opossums and crows have been dealt with by horizons

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

I wondered why the forests that are being planted are not held accountable for the increase in deer numbers

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Response No: 80

Contribution ID: 4240
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 05, 2026, 11:30 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Pest problem to big and labour intensive to be solely burdened onto individuals

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Economic wellbeing
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
Water quality

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Providing automated traps and paid labour to maintain traps to community groups

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 81

Contribution ID: 4239
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 05, 2026, 11:29 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Grace McLeay

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Rangitīkei

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Its important to focus on prevention in the first place or pests will keep on coming. We certainly have enough to control what is on the property at the moment, but we need to put measures in place to prevent the numbers from getting out of control.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: We need to do more to contain Peacocks in our area

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: It is important to be a responsible neighbour, otherwise pests and weeds creep and it becomes a burden for the neighbour actually putting in the work.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: Whilst we pay rates, and the council should use these funds to control pests, the Horizons region is a significant land mass and can't be everywhere at once. We had a fella re-bait the stations this year and I think that is awesome - but as a landowner, we need to take a proactive approach and invest in our own land through managing pests. The responsibility will never solely fall on the council.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Water quality
Soil resources
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

We put our animal welfare first, recently the feral cat numbers are up, increasing risk of Toxoplasmosis. Additionally, possum numbers are also thriving, and therefore have TB risk - they also eat our crops = less feed for our animals + significant economic cost.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Pest and weed control benefits everyone either indirectly (economic, social & recreational impacts) to directly (animal welfare, economic). It is in all rate payers best interests that our environment is protected from pest and weeds.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

As mentioned previously, possum numbers are up on years prior as are feral cats. Canada geese have significant deterimental affects on water quality - and peacock numbers are well beyond sustainable up the Turakina Valley specifically. We need help/education as to how to manage them. We've had to invest in a thermal to enable us to see the peacocks in the dark, as the only other way I can see is poison - and that could have an affect on other non-

target species.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Perhaps on larger properties, however, there are that many people who are keen hunters, leave it to them - which also benefits putting meat on their tables as well.
For larger properties where deer numbers are out of control, consider applying for a helicopter subsidy grant. Our deer numbers are at a satisfactory level that gives us recreational enjoyment.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 82

Contribution ID: 4238
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 05, 2026, 09:28 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

It seems like there is less possum management now than there was 6-7 years ago. It seems sporadic and possums have returned to our area. We also see nothing being done about pink ragwort and this is becoming a huge issue in the area.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Soil resources
Water quality
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

It depends on whether DOC comes on board as often it's DOC managed places that don't manage deer numbers well and then they spread.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values
Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

When we first arrived at our property 13 years ago, we had the possum control people come through almost annually. We never saw a possum during these years. in the last 6-7 years, we have had possum control come through only a couple of times and we have started to see possums again.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 83

Contribution ID: 4237
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 05, 2026, 08:26 AM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: it is logical to do all and not just have the ambu;ance at botom of cliff

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: where is his/her area? what do they see? there are seasonal changes are these taken into account?

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text:

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 50

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: we all have a responsibil;ity to the environment.
It does included clear and open communication, suggestions by horizon how each land owener can help protect environment. and it would also include expected KPI from land owner

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Enforcement on occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers

Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Soil resources
Water quality
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

in the 10 years I have lived here I have seen a proliferation of plant pests, with little to no control happening. Our native bush cannot compete with many exotic plant pests.
also believe that if we manage the plant and animal pest all the other benefits from above will follow from that

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

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Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

with also the cullen animals be processed for food, not just left lying where shot

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

hands on, site visits I believe are best way.
communication through email, leaflets etc is a waste of money - people do not read this stuff and we are already bombarded with info via social media, in mailbox, etc

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

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Response No: 84

Contribution ID: 4236
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Be best for both options one and two above were focus of resources.
1. Stop them from breeding and arriving
2. Stop them from decimating the trees on farms & along waterways

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Possums return after the efforts made by the control actions.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I do not agree with this approach. Rural people need to have positive and cooperative relationships with their neighbours, not isolating and confrontational. The big stick never encourages cooperation and when we need each other in the case of a weather event.....

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Due to the rapid, destructive damage possums do to the environment, the resourcing of pest control is a priority use of our rates for Horizons.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Water quality
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Human health
Animal welfare
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
Economic wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Related to the above values I have ranked.
The sustainability & survival of healthy life of many living things is are critical and need to be the focus of actions & resources.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Don't know

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Consult with these groups of people to find out what they need.
Discuss and decide together what the most effective management solutions are and resource and support these.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

The possum control actions funded by Horizons have been very effective to reduce the possum population. The visible results include less impact on trees. The invisible impacts are less disease spread by possums. The person operating the control activity has been flexible with methods and very effective on this organic certified farm. This control programme is very much appreciated

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback.

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Response No: 85

Contribution ID: 4235
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 05, 2026, 08:01 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

There are pests here and some arriving. Pests problems are ongoing

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Strongly agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Horizons are currently on the right track and we don't want to lose the service lose

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

We have little time to deal with pests and weeds

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Animal welfare
Human health
Soil resources
Water quality
Economic wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

We cannot service all properties. Farmers with over 10 acres should be helped to control pests and diseases. We have 100 hectares and because we work in town we have little time for pest and weed control

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Feral cats are a problem here but we're controlling them

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

None

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

No

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

We need help

Response No: 86

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Member ID:
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Enforcement on occupiers
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Economic wellbeing
Soil resources
Water quality
Human health
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 87

Contribution ID: 4233
Member ID: 792
Date Submitted: May 04, 2026, 08:33 PM

Q1 **Name**

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Q2 **Email address**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text We are in a perpetual battle with pests and weeds and mustn't ease off in prevention and management programmes.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text We are managing and hanging on but only just.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text I am a perfect test case for this with feral deer, feral cats, and a chronic thistle problem on neighbouring properties.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider 60

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text Part of what we pay council land taxes to Horizons for is environmental management.
Landowners can fairly expect those taxes to be used for their intended purpose.
Farmers can supplement that with additional efforts depending on the weed and pest issues their specific property faces.

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Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Enforcement on occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Animal welfare
Water quality
Human health
Soil resources
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Our environment is where we live.
The impacts of weeds and pests is real.
The spread of wild seeding pines across the region at the moment and the pollen generated by them in decades to come will have different imapcts on human health for one example.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

A small house generating dozens of feral kittens is just as harmful as a large farm with a gorse problem or a newly planted forest letting pigs and deer populations explode.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I expect my council land taxes to be spent in the most efficient and responsible way possible with a focus on the core functions and programmes and no vanity projects or distractions.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

They should be involved in coordination rather than culling. Closely liaising with the deerstalkers groups and sending them in to the areas where the deer are an issue is the type of win:win I like to see.
If a chronic issue is emerging then Horizons can act.
Putting some of the responsibility back on forest owners who've taken farms out of farming and in to plantation forestry should be a key target.
The impacts of this widespread planting is a cost those forest owners need to bear.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Not really.
Reliance on committees or groups with no daily skin in the game is a guarantee of time wasting and inaction.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 88

Contribution ID: 4232
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 04, 2026, 08:07 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on preventing pests from arriving

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Animal welfare
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing
Water quality
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values
Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

You can't work with iwi when they refuse to educate themselves on local environmental issues they are too extreme an all they want is hand outs (cash)

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

They guy that comes to do Possom control work is very professional (Ronny makie)

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 89

Contribution ID: 4231
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 04, 2026, 08:02 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

not all pests are being addressed

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

the neighbour is DOC

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

owners need to take some responsibility with assistance from the Council

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Soil resources
Water quality
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

they are killing trees

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Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

pest numbers drop significantly when DOC applies 1080

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 90

Contribution ID: 4230
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 04, 2026, 06:33 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Other: Work throughout the Horizon Region

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

It is going to take a collective effort to control the pest plants/animals that are already present in the region.

It is going to take a collective effort and lots of education to keep other pest plants/Animals from getting established.

Blaming one industry or land user type is not going to solve problems, this will also take a collective effort.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

You are doing good work on possums, but ignoring the issues with goats, deer and feral pigs when it comes to pest animals. Goof focus on pest plants

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I work in the forestry sector, and we undertake intensive pest animal control. DOC is one of our biggest neighbors on many of our forestry blocks, but it is also our greatest risk area of pest animal reinvasion as there is little or no pest animal control on most of the DOC estate in the Horizon Region. DOC need to step up and do their bit.

There is lots of commentary at present about pest animals (deer/goats/pigs) spreading out of forestry onto farmland. Reality is that in most cases the pest animals were present in the area prior to the forestry getting established. The forestry, if left unmanaged, will contribute to the problem by providing habitat for shelter going forward. The pest animals will live in the forestry/DOC estate but still feed in the adjoining farmland. it is going to take a collective and collaborative approach to keeping on top of the pest animals.

The regional council should be taking on a coordination role.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Despite the rhetoric, recreational hunting will not control the current pest animal population and most land owners think that culling the buck/stags/boars is pest control. This is just harvesting. Recreational hunting removes 10% of a pest animal population at best and we need to be aiming for at least 50% annual reduction in the pest animal population for the foreseeable future. We need paid professionals doing the majority of the work until the population gets back to a level where recreational hunting can help maintain the population. The paid professionals should be managed by Horizons to make sure they are targeted to the priority places.

With pest plants we need trained professionals that know what they are doing to control the plants. The right chemicals and the correct removal methods. Horizon RC need to either work directly with community volunteers in some cases and also use professional contractors in other cases to control the spread of pest plants.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Soil resources
Water quality
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Focus on the fixing the environment and native flora and fauna first. The human/cultural aspect comes a distant second.

By focusing on the environment, the rest of the 'feel good' stuff will follow.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

The good neighbor rules don't currently apply to pest animals as they only include four species (rabbit/possum/rook/wallaby) so they really are a waste of time at present.

DOC are currently exempt for the good neighbor rules which is pointless considering that they manage the largest public estate in NZ at 8.4million ha.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

If we are genuinely focused on reducing pest animals, then it is going to cost money to get the professionals to do the job. Horizons RC need to step up and provide the co-ordination to get the job done. This is 'boots on the ground'...not endless reviews of data and revised plans.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

This is coordination between the landowners and different interest groups and enforcing access if required.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

The problem is that big at present the Horizons RC should take the lead and decide what actions need to be taken and then advise these different groups. When you go out to consultation you will just get a large number of conflicting views based on self-interest.

Horizons RC has the expertise to decide the greatest risk and where funding/priority should be applied so just get into it. Stop focusing on who has the loudest voice and take some affirmative action rather than endless consultation.

You could or should have some community support staff (field staff) actively working with and consulting with iwi/community to implement your plan. This is liaising with landowners, iwi, community and building relationships etc...but Horizons still take the lead on developing and implementing the plan based on evidence not emotion.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

You are generally doing the pest plants well. Big job so focus on the worst of the worst. Leave the lower priority stuff to community groups.

You need to broaden the number of pest animal species included in the plan to actually reflect the risk they pose. Evidence based not managed by emotion.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

We need to look at commercial aspects of pest animal control, mainly deer. The biggest hold up in commercial deer control for harvesting or recovery of meat is the wide scale use of brodifacoum for possum control.

Horizons should also be considering the use of 1080 to control deer/possums/rats etc at scale in some site-specific areas, the Puketoi Conservations Area (DOC) would be a good place to start.

Response No: 91

Contribution ID: 4229
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 04, 2026, 05:06 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

To me, 'all of the above' makes sense because the 'pest' problem is ongoing and we all need to be active in reducing/eliminating those pests.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

We moved to this home nearly 1 year ago and have had a visit from a Horizon pest control officer who helped us with both bait stations and bait to help us eliminate possums. We have his contact details for further help and advice.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Not everyone is as focused on eliminating pests, we have a goal and share that goal. Hopefully others will see the benefit in time.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

I think this should be shared - I have responsibility for the pests on my property, but can ask Horizons for help and advice as required.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
Water quality
Soil resources
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing
Social and cultural wellbeing
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
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Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 92

Contribution ID: 4228
Member ID: 788
Date Submitted: May 04, 2026, 02:49 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Given the large land area that Horizons covers and the number of posts being controlled, it's realistic to expect occupiers to work with Horizons (where possible) to achieve the targeted outcomes where safe to do so. Partnerships with individuals and local groups are the best way of maximizing resources as they know their land and are often aware of issues whereas Horizons had the equipment and technical know how but would be stretched if they needed to undertake all the work themselves.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Economic wellbeing
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing
Water quality
Human health
Soil resources
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Pests don't recognise boundaries or property size. One small section acting as a breeding ground for pests can affect as many of not more than a larger section and eradication benefits all (such as in the case of the predator free program). Also larger land owners have to commit more time and resources to managing their land already so creating a funding model which penalises them will act as a disincentive and may cause them to reduce engagement and cooperation and make compliance more difficult all round.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I'm 100% behind this as a concept but this should not just fall to individuals to find. Central government should be leading this and local councils and other groups should have this as a priority and an aspirational goal and contribute as everyone will ultimately benefit.

If Horizons are going to be the ones leading this, their targets, progress and results need to be measured and transparent and good partnerships established with existing groups and interested parties. Otherwise people will just feel it's another charge where they don't see any actual tangible results or benefits

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
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Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

I have worked with your Pest management team (particularly Ron Maki) since taking ownership of the property six years ago.
Through a combination of Horizon lead toxin operations on my land, support and the setting up of monitored trap lines by myself there has been a tangible reduction in animal pest species and an improvement in biodiversity on the property.
I've also spoken to the team about the RPMP and some biological controls they've carried out on pest plants and found them professional and helpful.
I can see that the team are currently stretched because of the amount of land they're responsible for and done of the conflicting and unrealistic expectations and targets they've been given, but their knowledge is invaluable and they are always a pleasure to work with.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 93

Contribution ID: 4227
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 04, 2026, 02:31 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

reducing pests here is very important.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

It just isnt consistent enough. Progress is made and then the situation regresses

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

if a land owner works very hard to control pests both flora and fauna and the neighbour doesnt they are fighting a losing battle.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Because work needs to be done at a catchment level. One person working alone cannot make a difference if neighbours dont work at it.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

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Animal welfare
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Human health
Soil resources
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Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

there is a common good to controlling pests

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

as long as the money was spent wisely and people worked hard at it.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
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Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Mostly good experience with Horizons people. However consistency is the key. Possums come back if baiting does not remain consistent.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

I would like support with traps etc to fill the gaps between times when the bait stations horizons uses are not being baited.

Response No: 94

Contribution ID: 4226
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 04, 2026, 02:29 PM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers
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Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Animal welfare
Human health
Water quality
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
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The viability of threatened species of organisms
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
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Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

work with all groups Equally

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Very difficult for total eradication

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Are these race-based?

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Response No: 95

Contribution ID: 4225
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 04, 2026, 02:20 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Strongly agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
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Ranking

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Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
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Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

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Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

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Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

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Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 96

Contribution ID: 4224
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 04, 2026, 02:11 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Where horizons deploy pest control it is effective however getting horizons into a block can be slow.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

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Select Box

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Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

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Select Box

Very important

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Maybe, depends on costs

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Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 97

Contribution ID: 4223
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 04, 2026, 10:13 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
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Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

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Select Box

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

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Slider

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Long Text

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Ranking

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The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
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Human health
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Animal welfare
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Select Box

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Long Text

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Multi Choice

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Select Box

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Select Box

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Long Text

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Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 98

Contribution ID: 4222
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 03, 2026, 09:20 PM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

The pest management strategy needs to be incorporated into horizons key values. E.g. funding grants and education

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

It is not encouraging to control pests on your own property if the neighbour is doing nothing and encouraging the spread to your property.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Pest control is impossible to do across the region by a government agency and far too costly. Pest control never ends so it must be the landowners responsibility. Saying that, staff can have specific programs that focus on problem areas and work in partnership with landowners.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Water quality
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Human health
Economic wellbeing
Animal welfare
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

I don't like the options above. My concern is humans need food from the environment.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Any property can pose a significant threat to their neighbours so why exclude small properties.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

As explained, its an impossible task and rates will continue to increase every year so it should be up to individual landowner to manage with councils helping to educate and enforce rules.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Should take an active role in management (alongside stakeholders) but not control (e.g. killing deer).

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Other (please specify): Shouldn't pick one or the other. Shouldn't have to choose. Can do all.

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): What about where resources aren't limited? Without natural ecosystems we gave no food so that is a problem.

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): Both

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Be flexible, solutions focused.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Pest management shouldnt be seen on its own. It needs to be integrated with other matters so people understand pests better - people need to be empowered and encouraged to remove /reduce pests.

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 99

Contribution ID: 4221
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 03, 2026, 06:59 PM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

The owners no there land

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Water quality
Human health
Soil resources
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Economic wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Not concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Not important at all

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

There are plenty of keen hunters let them do it

Keep our rates low

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Let the land owners control them

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting recreational, social, or cultural values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 100

Contribution ID: 4220
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 03, 2026, 06:30 PM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Pest plants and animals

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

No managment of pest cats

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Landowners are often slack and don't care

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Water quality
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare
Human health
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 101

Contribution ID: 4219
Member ID:
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

A big problem that's getting out of hand and nothing being done by you

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Talk fests, nothing achieved. All funding goes in vehicles wages and apparel

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Forestry need to front up and do something

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

We pay horizons rates - ring fence a fair bit of it for pest control instead of diluting in the big pool

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Water quality
Soil resources
Human health
Animal welfare
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Economic wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Nothing Getting done. Out of control. Endless meetings achieved nothing

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Always an issue. Forestry the worst offenders. Get into them now

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

We already do - target them properly fur a change

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Hard to target how deer is to many

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Don't go there

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Makuri gorge - incredibly negative. Old man's beard completely and utterly out of control

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Do you even listen to the landowners?

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 102

Contribution ID: 4218
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 03, 2026, 04:23 PM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

There needs to be more possum and magpie control.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

It needs a joint approach with horizons being the major controller.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Possums and magpies don’t apply to any particular property.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting recreational, social, or cultural values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 103

Contribution ID: 4217
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 02, 2026, 02:10 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

We already have too many pests causing havoc in our district. we need to work together as a community to reduce/eliminate what we currently have while preventing new ones from arriving.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Every year we have rooks coming in to nest in a neighbours gum trees (which is reported to Horizon's). It would seem that whatever "action" is being taken is not working

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

It's up everyone to play an active role in reducing pests across the disttrict

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Landowners need to understand and see the benefits of pest control before they will fully commit to helping keep on top of it. It also helps build buy in if people know that there is additional support available as the initial task may be overwhelming for some.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Water quality
Animal welfare
Soil resources
Human health
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

As a country we have so many threatened native species which can be directly attributed to the impact of pests

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Fully support Horizon's taking care of feral populations of animals that are not "valued" such as cats and geese. Feel that there are opportunites to offset costs with goats, pigs and deer due to the value of meat.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Domestic cats need greater control. It is unacceptable for cats to be allowed to roam (particularly at night) killing native species. Rules should require them to be indoors overnight and remain within the owners property the same as dogs are currently managed.
We have planted a number of native trees and actively trap possums, rats etc. Over the last 5-6 years we have seen more and more neighbouring cats coming onto our land attacking birds that we are activly trying to encourage. I feel that we should be able to treat them as feral and dispose of them in a humane way if they are on our land.

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 104

Contribution ID: 4216
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 01, 2026, 07:11 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Horizons supply us with bait to kill possums. It means we take responsibility to lay the baits supplied by Horizons.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Weeds mainly gorse and ragwort are our two most invasive pests spreading from a neighbour who won't spray . Same applies for vermin.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Both parties then have liabilities

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Soil resources
Water quality
Human health
Economic wellbeing
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

No control means all the rest are impacted

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Smaller properties and organic properties are seed beds for pest weeds and at the moment are not being penalised. This means birds are spreading blackberry, pampas etc at an alarming rate. Look at SH 57 between Opiki turn off and Palmerston North. Pampas non stop along the road.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Property owners should bear some responsibility

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values
Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

No

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Your man suppling baits to kill possums does a great job. However since the pines were milled along Potts Road etc, possums have moved back onto farmland.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 105

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Date Submitted: May 01, 2026, 06:37 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

These are all important. Prevention obviously saves a lot of work in the long term but we can't ignore the problems already here

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Its not practical for horizons to physically or financially do all the work. Love to see encouragement and support of community groups. But horizons needs to step in where land owners will not get involved

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Funding or incentives for control

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Water quality
Soil resources
Human health
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
Social and cultural wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Don't know

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

We have snail reserves all around us which are managed by doc but the mustelids coming out of that area are huge...I have attempted to set up a community group for control but im not sure where to start

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 106

Contribution ID: 4214
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 01, 2026, 12:31 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Giving equal responsibility so organisations do not get power mad

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Water quality
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare
Soil resources
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Economic wellbeing
Social and cultural wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

I drive through the Makuri gorge quite frequently and am very sad and worried about the old man's beard that is devastating the beautiful native trees in there.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

We should forget about targeting Rooks and spend that money on clearing out the pest plants that are a danger to our native bush

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 107

Contribution ID: 4213
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 01, 2026, 11:49 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Since the last document version, the pest situation has changed and the lists of pest species needs to reflect the current situation.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Adjacent landowners should be held responsible, legally and fiscally, for controlling the pests on their property.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

100

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Pest control is a very important matter and I think should be done at a governmental level by experts and employees with the proper training and credentials.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Support and guidance for occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Water quality
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Native species are under huge stresses and threats to their survival, and introduced pests are the major reason for this endangered situation.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

All ratepayers should contribute to making our region a better place to live, both small and large property holders. We all live here, so we should all contribute.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Cats are a major problem that has been ignored for years. Feral cats and stray cats need to be controlled and taken out of the region's environment, so native species have a better chance to thrive.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Encourage hunting of deer, perhaps even offering financial incentives.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

We live in a new development in Kelvin Grove, Tamakuku Terrace, with a nicely designed pond that was planted extensively with natives. The pond area has a great potential for attracting and maintaining native birds, however there are at least 5 different roaming cats (some from known neighbors and others of unknown origin) that harrass and kill the ducklings and birds they manage to catch. These cats roam into my home garden at night and defecate in our vegetable garden soil. I am not sure what I can do with any cats that I livetrap in our garden, other than giving them an intense waterspray while in the livetrap and releasing them again. I am not aware of a place to take stray cats where they can be adopted out, reunited with their owners, or put to sleep.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

I think you should address the issues of stray cats and stray dogs, outlining the responsibilities of owners and what to do with captured strays.

Response No: 108

Contribution ID: 4212
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 01, 2026, 11:43 AM

Q1 **Name**

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Q2 **Email address**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Most Land owners and communities would like to rid of the pests, but could do with some support.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: I haven't seen Horizons in my area and I have seen no reduction in pests.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Not very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: It is often out the neighbors control

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 50

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: half and half is reasonable.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Animal welfare
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Economic wellbeing
Water quality
Human health
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

I don't know what the current thresholds are and you do not explain what they are in the question, so how can I answer this?

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

A lot of these pests mentioned are enjoyed by recreational hunters. Let them do the job.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

As above. Encourage recreational hunters.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

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Response No: 109

Contribution ID: 4211
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 01, 2026, 08:11 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Don't know

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Economic wellbeing
Water quality
Human health
Soil resources
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 110

Contribution ID: 4210
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 01, 2026, 07:55 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Water quality
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Animal welfare
Human health
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Regular meetings/discussions/field trips with the various groups. Encourage involvement, dialect, feedback to help with solutions and education going forward

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 111

Contribution ID: 4209
Member ID:
Date Submitted: May 01, 2026, 05:23 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Tania Mayo

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Biosecurity requires all to work together. No single party, farmer, land owner, Horizons can do it on their own

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: I see no community interaction as I did in the Wellington or Waikato regions.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: At the moment we are battling German wasps, ivy, old man's beard and wild ginger from surrounding properties, including the city green belt.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 85

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: Not all property owners have the knowledge, skill or finance to deal with many of these issues. However, Horizons dealing with the issues for them is of benefit to us all.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Human health
Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Water quality
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Plenty of other things are of more concern to me, my family, my health, finances...

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Something farmers can do to protect and improve their own land.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Not unless you want to run hunting licences.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Other (please specify): Game animals can be dealt with by fish and game, conservation dept and land owners.

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Interact, listen, work with.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Waikato. Notified them regarding wasp nests in a public area. We're on to it next day. Rook control. Notified them of sighting and worked with their officer to locate and eradicate.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 112

Contribution ID: 4208
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 30, 2026, 09:17 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Diane Leslie Paterson

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: I'm quite concerned about protection of our NZ flora and fauna - protecting this should be our priority.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: Peacocks are rampant; also possums.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Pests must be contained, preferably eradicated; also it is important to protect relationships within the community.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 48

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: Occupiers / neighbours should ideally work together, but if they cannot or will not, it would be great to have support from Horizons.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Water quality
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Soil resources
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

These values were hard to rank! They are all important. I am concerned that pests are destroying ecosystems.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

These pests harm our environment; I would support eradication work in my rates. In some cases can be slaughtered for a good cause - e.g. protein for the city mission food bank.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Hunters have a role in controling deer populations. Not sure to what extent.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Identify local pest eradication priorities and work together.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

I wrote to Horizons about the peacocks infesting the ravine behind my house on Durie Hill. Peacocks ravage my garden. I did not get a reply from Horizons.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Thank you for the work you do to protect our environment.

Response No: 113

Contribution ID: 4207
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 30, 2026, 06:25 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

We have been getting 2 or three possums per day at our property . When I spoke to the neighbours they are getting that or more .I friend in Snowmass has a trap set as well from Horizions which is on the same seem o bush and stream .There lots dead everyday on my short drive to work from Golf Course road to ohakune township.
The quantity of them is getting worse . Our trapping alone is not enough.
They are all the way from us to Snowmass and up into the National park !!
We have also seen a stoat marching across our lawn .

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

We need way more action on pest control in Ruapehu . Our National parks and native bush will be ruined otherwise.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

because not all property takes responsibility to do there own pest control.
one neighbour said they like possums and wont trap them .

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Water quality
Human health
Soil resources
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on preventing pests from arriving

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

We understand Pests do not respect property boundaries and outbreaks can occur at various stages of a properties use.
As long as reasonable efforts are made by the landowner, and the RPMS has the ability to step in where required

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
Economic wellbeing
Water quality
Soil resources
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Social and cultural wellbeing
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Aside from Human Health Economic Pests should be prioritized .
Many organizations that would be affected by economic pests are undertaking Biodiversity programs and shifting focus to Biodiversity over Economic Pests by the council could limit contribution or work in Biodiversity programs.
Managing Economic pests also contributes to some Biodiversity threats (large mammals).

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Any smaller would be onerous on small owners and administratively difficult and costly for Horizons to manage.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Large mammals are the most destructive to the economy which drives the ability of ratepayers to pay for other control.
Pest Mammals effects are critical to all sectors. Large feral mammals are the most destructive, however also the most visible of pest problems.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Information sharing form Monitoring by either party, ie Forestry Biodiversity Pest Management program camera analysis or kill reports

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

No

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

No

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 115

Contribution ID: 4205
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Pests need to be attacked from all angles from preventing them arriving to control of existing pests by local and central govt and the general public.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

I havefound the good neighbour approach does not work and I see so many pest plants when out in the bush and around the community

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I have neighbours with large areas of gorse and blackberry which they do nothing to control. I have asked them to do something but nothing happens. I found Horizons ineffective. Each year I have to control these plants along my boundary to prevent them invading my paddocks.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

As with many things, the minority spoil things for the majority. A little bit of strong enforcement may encourage the minority to take some responsibility for pests on their land.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Enforcement on occupiers
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Soil resources
Water quality
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Human health
Economic wellbeing
Social and cultural wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

I think there is a lack of awareness of the impact pest animals and plants have on the unique environment of New Zealand. Pests don't belong in this environment and they have the ability to create irreversible changes to the environment. Once something is gone its gone forever.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

clear land and good neighbour rules for pest management mostly affect those living in rural area. Therefore it seems unfair to expect urban people to pay for this type of pest control. Although this type of user funding may not be cost effective.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

With the increase in both forestry and areas of native tree planting creating good habitats for deer it is vital to address the control of these animals to allow native bush areas to thrive.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Provide education programmes, field days etc that reach the general public as well as people already aware of the need for pest management. A pamphlet included in rates invoices. Programmes in schools that teach children about pests and the damage they cause.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 116

Contribution ID: 4204
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

A careful watch needs to be in place on new invasions as the best way to eradicate is capturing them early.
It is really important on controlling pests that are already here even if it means just local elimination.
Shared responsibility is key. Landowners and communities will often see pests before Horizons so good working relationships are important. Access to private land by Horizons will require consent of landowners

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Next to no work is carried out by Horizons in my area which includes two PNCC reserves. Two very serious weeds are spreading down the Mangaotane/Bryants stream: horsetail (Equisetum) and African Club Moss. The stream flows into the Manawatu.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Without that support it is very difficult to locally eliminate if the pest keeps spreading to your property

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Horizons have the resources whereas private landowners don't. Most work on private land and much public land is done by landowners or volunteers. There is a huge volunteer effort removing pest weeds in PNCC and other council reserves (eg Awahuri Forest and Totara Reserve)

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Economic wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Human health
Water quality
Animal welfare
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

We are losing so much biodiversity in this country so very important to protect what is left
Out of control weed pests can have a huge impact on a valued protected ecosystem eg Phragmites karka on Awahuri Forest

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
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Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Even small properties (1-2 ha) can have a big impact if they host a highly invasive weed. Hence the need to be a good neighbour

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

All listed feral animals above pose significant risks to maintaining healthy ecosystems. Feral cats are a huge problem that needs to be addressed through responsible pet ownership - chipped and neutered. Canada geese are becoming a huge issue nationally as they have been left to spread. Deer, pigs and goats have huge impacts on our forests.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Needs to be a multi-agency approach. DOC with their poor funding are dropping the ball. Help from other agencies is needed

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Establish good working relationships with them. Provide advice and tools on how to control invasive species. Provide resources to help where necessary. Importantly acknowledge the work being done by communities.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Yes. I have been managing pest plants and pest animals in two PNCC reserves in Moonshine Valley for 30 years. Most of this work is self funded including purchase of herbicide pastes, traps and other tools. Some pest plants have now been eliminated from these two reserves but there are others that are more difficult to control such as African Club Moss (source on private land and landowner uncooperative) and horsetail. Both are spreading in stream. I do write reports every couple of years which I distribute to community, Green Corridors, PNCC and Horizons

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

It is so frustrating being told that Horizons cannot help because a pest weed is not on the RPMP, especially when some help would enable local elimination

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 117

Contribution ID: 4203
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Don't know

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

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Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

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Funding or incentives for control
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Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Water quality
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing
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The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
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Animal welfare
Human health
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Social and cultural wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values
Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

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Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 118

Contribution ID: 4202
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Don't know

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

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Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

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Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Social and cultural wellbeing
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Water quality
Soil resources
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing
Human health
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Would be good of there was a way to cull, but still harvest the meat for marginal populations.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild
Other (please specify): If allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild includes being able to hunt

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

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Response No: 119

Contribution ID: 4201
Member ID:
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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Other: Nationwide including Manawatū/Rangitīkei and Turangi

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

we consider that this must be a collaborative view/approach.
Focusing on education and awareness that is currently missing.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Strongly agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

As NWR we strongly agree because Horizons have historically addressed their issues and prioritised what it best for the land and the landowners. Moving forward, we seek opportunities to work more collaboratively

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

It is very important from an organisation (NWR) perspective, however, from a landowner point-of-view, financial constraints, capacity and topography would create undue pressure on landowners. It may also cause disengagement of landowners.

We acknowledge the different impacts of this on commercial entities, versus non-economical land Trusts.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Ideally, collaboration would be on all four points identified. 50/50 is the goal, with all actions agreed by both parties.

We disagree with the implication of "enforcement" on others land and prefer an approach of "monitoring".

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
Water quality
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

it is the very essence of why we are collaborating on your RPMP.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

funding approach should identify more opportunities for collaboration with others, rather than sole focus on ratepayers funding.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

It should be based on beneficiaries and users.
Costs should be considered on benefits and beneficiaries at place.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Some form of management should be in-place however this should not be enforced by a council by-law.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting recreational, social, or cultural values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Provide a forum at a governance level for contribution and collaboration.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

N/A

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

How have you engaged with iwi/hapū/tāngata whenua in this process?
What other central Government agencies (i.e. DOC, MPI) have you engaged with?
Is Horizons aware of the contestable Crown Fund, Ngā Whenua Rāhui available to some of their Māori landowners?

Response No: 120

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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Everyone plays a part and it takes the community working together to reduce pests.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Need to include feral and outdoor cats which is a big problem in my area.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

I don’t think all occupiers will be as diligent.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Soil resources
Water quality
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

All properties regardless of size should be included as pests do not discriminate against property size. Everyone needs to be aware and responsible.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

These animals can be just as destructive as possums and stoats.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Offering educational opportunities and training.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 121

Contribution ID: 4199
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Date Submitted: Apr 29, 2026, 09:52 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Our bird life, our lizards, insects etc, deserve our best effort. Look at the results Wellington has achieved with community pest control encouragement.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Shannon has had a known wild cat problem for the 7 years I have lived here. Which must impact on the local bird life. Yet I've seen no action taken.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Start by encouraging working together with neighbours. When we first moved here there was a large rat problem that was being fed by a forgotten grass seed bag in roof of neighbour's shed. Identified by discussion and seed removed, rat bait laid. I would like owners/occupiers to be aware of advantages of taking their part in pest reduction.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

I don't agree with the arbitrary right of access to private property. I feel this should be negotiated until no other course of action is available.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Water quality
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Economic wellbeing
Soil resources
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

I'm a bird lover. I've encouraged native birds into my yard by plantings. I place a deterrent collar on the wild kitten we rehomed. I lay bait for rats and mice. If everyone in my area was encouraged to do this I believe there could be a fantastic result in increased bird life etc.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

I believe we should all do our part to create a better environment than the one we received from our forebears. So that the environment undergoes continual improvement. How cool would that be!

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I believe we need to do this but I personally would have difficulty meeting a massive rates rise at this time.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Would more competitions and coordinated hunting efforts reduce the cost to ratepayer?

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Start with a hui with all stakeholders.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Wild cats in Shannon. I have no evidence to prove predation but the number that are here, as seen in community posts (plus my interaction with one I've rehomed) must surely have an effect. Shannon has a reasonably sized native bird population that mostly seem to fly back at night to the privately owned Moynihan bush block. I've seen kārearea and korimako families, flocks of up to 40 Tūī going from kōwhai to kōwhai, kererū, riroriro, warou, pīpīwharauroa, all in my back yard. I would like this population to be safeguarded and nurtured so it can increase. I often imagine the result if every property was given a kōwhai to plant. Or harakeke/wharariki. Taupata. The list goes on in my dream :) I've gifted a pōhutukawa to one neighbour, a kōwhai to another.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 122

Contribution ID: 4198
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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Vigilance over pest control and awareness of biosecurity threats are now ongoing necessities in our region.
Our farmland, waterways and national parks will only be protected through a cooperative strategy between private land owners and territorial authorities.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Possum control needs to be stepped up. Peacocks are increasingly a pest in the lower Whanganui catchment and on the Paraparas. Deer are seen everywhere , from the suburbs in Aramoho, up river from Papaiti into the Whanganui National Park, up the Paraparas

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Deer, peacocks, possums numbers can only be managed if adjacent landowners cooperate with control.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Horizons is able to plan and allocate resources to control pests over a wide area.
Land owners can be assisted to carry out a measure of control in a limited area.(Ie supply of traps)

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Soil resources
Water quality
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Nuisance species such as possums, peacocks, deer threaten the viability and sustainability of gardens, horticultural and agricultural land and the conservation estate. The destruction and halting of regeneration of native forest on our steeper hill country directly results in soil erosion, and compromises fresh water quality.
Deer browse forests, orchards, and carry ticks. Possums carry TB and are thus a threat to human and bovine health.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Not sure, but the most common and proliferating animal pests in Horizons region seem to be moving freely through urban and rural areas.
For example, large groupings of deer are regularly seen in the streets and gardens of Aramoho.
Possums are found everywhere.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

No

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Help from Horizons possum control officer in installing traps on our property.
Horizons efforts to use bio control for pest plants like tradescantia, field horsetail.
Terrier dogs to keep rabbits , stoats, ferrets under control. Especially useful on blocks and farms. Could be encouraged as a farm species.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

How will Horizons deal with the widespread seeding of Old Man's Beard, Clematis vitalba, across the hills and hinterland of Aramoho?
The plant spread should be surveyed. Worst areas of infestation identified. Then plants cut to stumps and painted with round up.
A follow up control should follow.

Response No: 123

Contribution ID: 4197
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 29, 2026, 07:42 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Water quality
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Social and cultural wellbeing
Soil resources
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

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Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 124

Contribution ID: 4196
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 29, 2026, 07:10 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Water quality
Human health
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Economic wellbeing
Soil resources
Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Not sure

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 125

Contribution ID: 4195
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 29, 2026, 06:39 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

It's a big job, every bit counts

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

If occupiers are unable to control, support and educating them would be wonderful.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Fund the professional group to do most, coordinate volunteers, provide materials.
Some people can do lots for themselves too.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Water quality
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Some pests and predators can seriously damage the environment and once the damage is done, it is very hard or impossible to recover from.
Pest plants definitely thrive by definition - they will survive and strangle or smother other more delicate species.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

I think regardless of size, anyone who wants to try to eradicate pests should be supported and encouraged.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Obviously not at any cost, but happy to contribute.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Education and hunting encouraged.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): Both options, leading and supporting.

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Education about pest species and why, people power - reporting sites (eg. Form to report old man'sbeard, etc), coordination of volunteers to clear the reported places.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Yes,my dad was very successful culling possums, a good friend has been using a Rotary provided rat trap, I've cleared wandering willy from my yard - maintaining fence line when our dog was allergic (!), I'm keen to learn more and help.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 126

Contribution ID: 4194
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 29, 2026, 04:39 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

All the above. The Biosecurity environment is complex with actual and potential problems able to arise from multiple pathways and circumstances. The solutions required are equally diverse.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Neither agree nor disagree. I see some issues being dealt with well (e.g. velvet leaf, goats) and others that are getting away (deer, riparian management).

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

If I am controlling identified pests on land/water I am responsible for the benefit to the Region katoa, I expect to be supported to some degree by surrounding owners/managers. Also, the more extensive the area being treated the more likely we are to achieve biosecurity goals.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Water quality
Human health
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Soil resources

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Pest plants and animals need to be strategically targeted where they occur regardless of where they occur or the size of the property they occur on. Legal/political boundaries are human constructs, and we are trying to tackle biological problems. How to deal fairly with owners of different sized land parcels is a political problem.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

We need to respond to risk and threats to values regardless of the type of organism.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Deer have become a significant issue in both farmland, and in natural areas within our Region, so yes deer control is desperately needed, and it would benefit from regional coordination

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

The Horizons team have always been really supportive with advice and info for our pest management programmes (both animal and plant pests).

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

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Response No: 127

Contribution ID: 4193
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Date Submitted: Apr 29, 2026, 04:27 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Changing environments will mean the arrival of exotic pests, so we need to be prepared for that as well as dealing with current pests.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Don't know

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

A council or authority will have the agency and access to equipment and facilities to deal wit the issue rather than piecemeal by individual occupiers.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Human health
Water quality
Soil resources
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

The damage to plant and animal life by feral animals is irreversable.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 128

Contribution ID: 4192
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 29, 2026, 04:23 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Horizons' approach provides a solid regional framework and addresses many known pest issues. However, it doesn't always reflect emerging pests or local pressures, meaning some issues are not addressed as quickly or effectively as needed.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Pest management relies on collective action, and without consistent expectations across landowners, efforts by individual occupiers can be undermined. Clear rules provide certainty, support fairness, and help ensure that pest issues are addressed at their source rather than spreading across property boundaries.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Responsibility should sit more strongly with Horizons, reflecting their role in setting direction, regulation, and ensuring compliance across the region. A higher proportion recognises that effective pest management relies on consistent rules, coordinated programmes, and active monitoring and enforcement, which individual occupiers cannot achieve on their own. While occupiers still play an important role in managing pests on their land, stronger regional leadership is needed to ensure consistency, fairness, and effective outcomes across property boundaries.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Pest species have significant and wide-ranging impacts across environmental, cultural, and community values. Of greatest concern are impacts on ecosystems, biodiversity, water quality, and cultural relationships with the environment, as these have long-term and often irreversible consequences. Other impacts are also important, but tend to be secondary or indirect.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Don't know

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Don't know

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Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting recreational, social, or cultural values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Horizons could strengthen partnerships with iwi, hapū, community groups, and industry by creating more flexible, collaborative approaches to managing species not currently included in the RPMP. This could include establishing clear pathways for raising emerging pest concerns, supporting locally led initiatives with funding and technical advice, and enabling joint programmes that draw on mātauranga Māori and local knowledge. Providing coordination, data sharing, and access to tools or resources would also help empower communities to respond early, before issues escalate.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Our community continues to raise ongoing concerns regarding the management of Phragmites karka within the district. There is a perception that current management approaches are not sufficiently controlling its spread or impacts, particularly in sensitive environments and waterways. This highlights the need for clearer direction, coordinated action, and consideration of whether this species should be more formally recognised and prioritised within regional pest management frameworks.

Response No: 129

Contribution ID: 4191
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 29, 2026, 12:44 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

James Norton

Q2 **Email address**

Email

[redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Enforcement on occupiers
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Human health
Water quality
Soil resources
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Social and cultural wellbeing
Economic wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 130

Contribution ID: 4190
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 29, 2026, 11:53 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Cathy Hammington

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Neither council nor landowners can do it alone.
We border DOC land that hasn't been touched in decades and causes a lot of problems with deer, possums, rabbits, barberry etc

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: DOC has so much moren of an impact for us. Haven't really seem what horizons are doing even though we do interact with them and they're very helpful.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Already pretty much much mentioned this.
We can't get on top of pests with unmanaged DOC reserve feeding them back through.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 60

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: Gets overall buy in

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Soil resources
Water quality
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Economic wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Sometimes council costs are higher than they should be

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Population is out of control

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values
Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

No

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 131

Contribution ID: 4189
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 29, 2026, 11:46 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

Joanna Anderson

Q2 **Email address**

Email

[redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Rangitīkei

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

I have only recently moved to the area

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Realistically a lot of occupiers don't have the means to do it all by themselves

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Water quality
Animal welfare
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
Economic wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Soil resources

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 132

Contribution ID: 4188
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 29, 2026, 11:44 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

Max Burnskey

Q2 **Email address**

Email

[redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Other: Ashhurst

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

65

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Economic wellbeing
Water quality
Soil resources
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): Our health

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 133

Contribution ID: 4187
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 29, 2026, 11:01 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Sally Christiansen

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: We have possums in a residential area. I have trapped one recently but there are lots more in Snowmass and Turoa subdivisions because they're mostly holiday homes

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: Horizons aren't doing their job

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Don't put this as the reason for not doing anything about it

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 53

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: Horizon's should demonstrate leadership

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Human health
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Economic wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Water quality
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Because there is an imbalance and people are trapping two possums a day in our area

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Our rates do not go down so do your job please. Feral deer populations in rural areas are out of control in the Whanganui district and they are already out of control

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I've seen them prancing about near Upokongaro on Makirikiri Valley Rd. They're out of control

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values
Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Stop being led by the nose by what Iwi want. The Iwi agenda is neverending and not to improve but to let it be

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Volunteer at Bushy Park and undertake pest management at home

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 134

Contribution ID: 4186
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 29, 2026, 10:18 AM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

THE IMPORTANT ASPECT FROM A PERSONAL POPINT OF VIEW IS THAT IF A PLANT SPECIES IS LOCATED WHEREVER IT IS IN THE REGION AND ON WHOSE LAND IT IS, IT NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH AS A WHOLE. THERE IS NO POINT REMOVING BANANA PASSIONFRUIT FROM ONE AREA IF THERE IS ANOTHER PLANT ON ADJOINING LAND WHICH IS OWNED BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL AS OPPOSED THE REGIONAL. CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION IS NEEDED.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

EXCELLENT ON LAND THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BUT NEED TO WORK MORE WITH HDC AND LANDOWNERS. NEED A CO-ORDINATED RESPONCE WITH ALL PARTIES.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

THINK IT SHOULD BE EQUAL WITH HORIZONS PROVIDING ADVICE AND OWNERS CHECKING, UNLESS PART OF A TRACKING SCHEME.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Human health
Animal welfare
Social and cultural wellbeing
Water quality
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

SURVIVAL OF NATIVE AND ENDEMIC SPECIES

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

EASIER TO CONTROL ON SMALLER PROPERTIES TO PREVENT SPREAD. MANY PLANT SPECIES ARE GARDEN ESCAPEES

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE PERIODIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

CO-ORDFINATING WITH ASSISTANCE FROM HORIZONS, PREDATOR FREE AND WILDLIFE FOXTON TRUST A TRAPPING PROGRAMME AT FOXTON BEACH/MANAWATU ESTUARY

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

MAYBE INCLUDE A BRIEF COMMENT IN HORIZONS PERIODIC NEWSLETTER TO INFORM RATEPAYERS WHAT IS BEING DONE.

Response No: 135

Contribution ID: 4185
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 29, 2026, 08:46 AM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

See aalot of pests in whanganui urban areas. Large problem with dumped animals further out.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I belive having rules must also come with support for neighbouring property to fix the problem.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

horizons should be focused on harder to control populations and public areas while providing support through traps etc. and legislation for private land

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Human health
Water quality
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Soil resources
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Rates increase should come after other options are considered

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

It think game amimals could be controlled by incentivising hunters. They like doing it

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): Mix of both.

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

The doc trap lending programme was good.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

would like to know how horizons is dealing with organisations reccomending trap and release of stray and ferral cats. Obviously this is creating more of a problem for rural communities native species.

Response No: 136

Contribution ID: 4184
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 28, 2026, 05:16 PM

Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: While we seem to do well at preventing pests entering at the border, the ones that have made it though, appear to be increasing at an alarming rate, particularly deer, possums and rabbits come to mind. Also rats.
The damage to the environment is not small. There don't seem to be enough incentives in place to get the community and hunters, active enough to reduce numbers.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: The deer population in the Whanganui area has blown out suggesting a massive failure of management and funding relative to that problem.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Most pests are not deterred by typical barriers such as low fences and gated. Trying to clear an area without attention to surrounding areas would likely be a waste of time and money. A broad brush approach is essential.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: A coordinated approach is essential. Horizons would have the authority to facilitate this approach.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Economic wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Human health
Water quality
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Deer don't respect boundaries and private land ownership. Private land feeds into the pest problem but the owners may not have the resources or knowledge needed to actively eradicate the pests on their property especially if the pests just pass through from time to time.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

I think horizons should work with all groups regardless of ethnicity.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 137

Contribution ID: 4183
Member ID:
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Effective biosecurity relies on strong partnerships between councils, cathcments, landowners, and communities working together to protect our region's environment, productivity, and biodiversity. By coordinating efforts to remove existing pest plants and animals, prevent new pests from arriving or spreading, and support landowners with practical advice and action, biosecurity outcomes are more effective and enduring. A shared approach helps ensure issues are identified early, responsibilities are clear, and collective action delivers benefits across the wider landscape.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Horizons Regional Council does what it can within the limits of available funding, which means resources alone are not sufficient to address all biosecurity challenges.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

As an occupier, it is extremely important to have clear rules under a Regional Pest Management Plan to ensure pests are controlled on neighbouring properties, because pests do not respect boundary lines. Without coordinated action, the effort and cost invested by one landowner can be undermined by inaction next door. RPMP rules provide a fair and consistent framework that supports landowners, councils, and communities to work together, share responsibility, and achieve lasting biosecurity outcomes across the wider landscape.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

It is reasonable for the Regional Council to carry a greater share of responsibility for pest control—around 60%—given its statutory role, coordination function, and technical expertise. However, effective biosecurity still depends on landowners and communities playing an active role through early reporting, access, and on-property action. A shared approach recognises that while council leadership is essential, lasting outcomes are only achieved when responsibility and effort are spread across all parties.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
Economic wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Water quality
Animal welfare
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Soil resources
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

I am concerned about the impacts pests and nuisance species are having on our biodiversity. Many people are not aware of the growing number of pest plants and animals, or the damage being caused. Without action, the harm will soon become irreversible.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

There are other options to consider, working with catchment groups, landowners groups and of course the community. The growth in our area is due to forestry so we should be working with the forest companies

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

It is a shared problem where we all should work together. We all should take responsibility and share costs,

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Consider forming a group to represent each of the above - agree a plan and roles and responsibilities and action

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

PPCC is undertaking a pest monitoring programme to identify priority species across four catchment groups. Once the main pest causing the greatest impact is determined, PPCC will seek funding for a 12–18 month eradication programme targeting that species.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 138

Contribution ID: 4182
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 27, 2026, 10:43 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

There are different goals and strategies and all are important

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

I would like more done to control pests

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Many weeds spread beyond boundaries. It is therefore very important to have the option of rules to enforce control when owners are negatively affecting other properties by not controlling pests on their own land.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Under the current regime many owners are not adequately controlling pests and they are increasing. I think Horizons doing more is the only realistic way of gaining effective control

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Water quality
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare
Soil resources
Human health

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

In my view the spread of pests is already negatively affecting environmental, social and economic well-being and it seems to be getting worse.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Many owners of small properties e.g lifestyle books or even residential sections, are unaware that they are harbouring pests, especially plant pests. This can have a big impact because pests can spread from their properties onto neighbouring areas. A good example is the proliferation of Old Man's Beard in residential sections in Whanganui. Many people keep it as a decorative climber and have no idea it is a pest
Because of the above, and because of the difficulty of fairly attributing effects and related charges, it is better to spread the cost amongst all ratepayers. There are important public good aspects as well.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Feral animal pest are increasing and there needs to be some form of organised control. Regional councils (while they exist!) are the best placed agency to carry out this role because of their experience, knowledge, overview and rating ability.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Deer are increasing and having a large impact. We have two rural properties where we are trying to establish native vegetation. These efforts are hard enough anyway and deer damage to plantings is a real set-back, both physically but also to the morale and motivation of those involved. Additionally, where areas are fenced off from grazing animals and left to regenerate this process will not occur properly because of deer browsing. You tend to get a canopy of pioneer species that are less palatable to ungulates (e.g mahoe and kawakawa), that will not proceed to the emergent phase because podocarps and other emergents get eaten out. We have this happening in our revegetation projects and can provide photos.
Deer also come onto our properties and damage food production areas such as orchards and gardens.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Horizons already does some good work in this area and it should continue, and potentially increase if there are demonstrated benefits

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

We have become extremely frustrated about the deer problem on our properties. Hunting has not been successful because of the itinerant nature of the animals. We are considering fencing but it is hugely expensive. I think the funding that would go into fencing off isolated areas (if aggregated across the region) would be better spent on regional pest control by dedicated operators.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Response No: 139

Contribution ID: 4181
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 22, 2026, 05:28 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Rangitīkei

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Clematis vitalba has been confined to the western end of the Mangaweka gorge for 20 odd years, it is now moving rapidly towards the Ruahines and in many cases into the Ruahines this spells disaster for our native forests if something is not done rapidly.
I have sprayed over 12 sites on the Auputa Rd , 4 sites on Ruahine Rd close to Rangiwhia and 5 sites up the Pari Stream on DOC land. I am sure there are many more i have missed.
I have alerted Horizons as to 3 sites on Dick Rd in Nov 25 which were sprayed in Feb 26 which was too late as the seed had set.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Depends on competency of contractors .

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

How is iwi ,hapu different from community groups?

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 140

Contribution ID: 4180
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 22, 2026, 03:56 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Johnathon Tripe

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: It's hard to see thembdisappearing so management is key to support native species to thrive

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: Amazing work on possums and some on tats but no discernable deer management (or pest birds like peacocks)

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Not important at all

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Realistically pests are mobile. I know pests come from pines often but practically pines plantation owner responsibility is not practically enforceable

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 68

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: as landowners we are responsible toba degree but the point of government is to centralise activities where appropriateand where the beneefits apply across the commiunity.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Social and cultural wellbeing
Water quality
Soil resources
Human health
Economic wellbeing
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 141

Contribution ID: 4179
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Date Submitted: Apr 22, 2026, 03:19 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

We need to keep up pest control on what is already here, as well as continuing to exclude any new pests. This should be the responsibility of everyone, with Horizons being the driving force behind any pest projects and community groups given the opportunities and resources to assist.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

There is a need for more people on the ground doing the work.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Horizons should have the resources to facilitate any pest control that occupiers want to undertake, as well as being the agency for enforcing any legislation.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Enforcement on occupiers
Support and guidance for occupiers

Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Water quality
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Soil resources
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): Both are equally important

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

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Response No: 142

Contribution ID: 4178
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Date Submitted: Apr 22, 2026, 02:55 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

OMB & Feral deer have increased in the last two years, OMB control falls out of funding zone but needs containing

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

40

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

40% HRC 60% landowner.
40% doesn't have to be funding from HRC, but advice and on-ground support for landowners and community groups and contractors.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Economic wellbeing
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Soil resources
Water quality
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Feral goats and deer numbers are only increasing in our area. Poaching is an issue, which with larger populations, puts landowners and the public at risk. Property damage and trespassing becomes an issue, particularly over the roar. For landowners, the increase in numbers means any feed for stock isn't utilised, which is disheartening when fertiliser costs are only increasing, and applied rates have effect only to be eaten by deer.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Property boundaries or size don't define the pest issue, pests go where they want. Smaller properties may take less time and resources to resolve pest inssues and be able to continue in sustained/ongoing control quicker than larger properties depending on the type of pest/management type. This could see funding and resources used more effciently across areas, reducing material and contractor costs and providing better budgeting for future maintainance or new projects. Smaller properties managed well in close proxomity can provide a powerful message when mapped out for outgoing support from councillors for future plans, the right advice and people to connect with smaller landowners is also key.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Would be interetsed to see what the cost would be to carry out, or whether there is the opportunity to support catchment groups, chartible organsiations (Hunt for Good) to encourage communities to get involved and take some ownership over the pest control within their areas. Applying for funding can be tricky for landowners, and

catchment groups can apply on landowner's behalf but from there it can still become process heavy.

I understand that measureables need to be collected for funding programmes, however, community engagement and having the right HRC staff I feel is the best way to get landowners onboard to support funding feral animals. Staff can provide assistance for groups/landowners applying for funding and overviewing data. The application itself would need to be as mentioned straight forward, perhaps HRC staff visit properties and apply on behalf of landowners after inital site visits.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I feel it depends on the costs, and the density of deer across the region, some areas need it more than others. An active role doesn't need to be funding, it can be support in the form of advice, mapping resources or connection. I feel landowners need to be taking an active role as well.
With more encouragement for farmers to manage erosion and plant more trees, deer management around new plantings becomes a risk for the investment for both HRC and the landowner. In my area, I feel this is where landowners are hesitant to continue that work due to the issue with deer.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values
Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

I think to start it is a matter of engagement and trying to understand what the issues are, and what support these groups would like to see, approaching pest issues with targeted responses and ground truthing issues from there. I beleive that ground truthing is important, as you get a feel for what the that group's values are and it helps to establish good relationships.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

I have had positive experiences from a great staff member who provided advice where nessecary.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 143

Contribution ID: 4177
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 22, 2026, 01:21 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Annabel Whisker

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Rangitīkei

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: We need to manage the forests with opossoms, the pest control has lapsed so the numbers are growing. We do management on farm for pests, but this needs to include peacocks. They are out of control and causing so much damage. Need to poison.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: We hardly see anyone, or know what the plans are. It is only becasue of my proactive calls that we see Horizons

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: If everyone did there part, we would be all better off.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider:

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: 50/50, however Horizons could be assisted if they provide the bait, the farmers could bait the stations. No point it being done from time to time. or not at all.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control

Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Economic wellbeing
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare
Human health
Soil resources
Water quality
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

They are taking over too fast.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Please add peacocks to the list. This needs URGENT attention.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Gun safely is paramount, also private land needs to be respected.
Can they be poisioned in forestry?

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values
Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Possibly they could allow access and arrange man power to do some of the work

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Bait kill of opossoms. But the whole district needs it. Our community will assist with baiting if it is provided.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

If we have managed pest control we work towards growing our native species and working towards a preditor free area. The erradication of opossoms, ferel cats, peacocks needs to be urgent.

Response No: 144

Contribution ID: 4176
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

There are some scary new species moving in.
But there are also species that have established and proliferated and need more control.
It would be good if people were more aware of these, and of biodiversity values.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

I see old man's beard and other plant and animal pests increasing in number.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

It would be good to have those rules in place, and for that neighbour to understand the rules.
However, there are of course times and reasons why neighbours may not be able to comply.
Would there be enforcement? Of what kind?

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

There are some things that a landowner cannot do on their own. It is good to have support and backup with such things

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Water quality
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Soil resources
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing
Human health

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

I'm watching big changes happen - for example that native forest regenerates in a different way because of feral ungulate populations.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Weeds in particular can spread from very small properties or from council roadsides, eg by windblown seed
I think we all live here and are all affected by pest organisms, even if we live suburban lives

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I did the Atene Skyline Track this week. The bush up there is lovely, but is being heavily browsed, to the point that it will be very different in future - sparser, without some species, and perhaps vanishing altogether.
Goats, deer and pigs are the main culprits

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I know this is a very difficult proposition, because in my part of Whanganui there are people who love seeing wild deer out on suburban streets and others who cannot grow the vegetables they want to eat because deer come and browse them.
My neighbour, for instance, has put a netting over his kumara plants to preserve them from deer browse.
Here at Delhi Village we want to establish a native forest on an eroding hillside. We have spent extra thousands to fence one boundary, and must do more fencing on the other side. Deer just leap the existing fence there. Hunters have attempted to shoot them - but they are not always present and are in quite a built up area.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

For deer, I would like for Horizons to at least call them a pest species. I imagine that would have far reaching effects eventually, if not immediately.
Horizons could sponsor hunting competitions, or subsidise ammunition for shooters.
Horizons could organise access and set priorities for areas to be protected.
Horizons could pay for deer fencing of important habitats.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

I undertake to stop old man's beard from flowering in my local area. The people at the campground are okay about me coming in and cutting and pasting, and I have also done so at the former Jubilee property in Somme Pde. My neighbour has had a stroke and he asked me to see get rid of woolly nightshade at the rear of his property. There are two large wild ginger plants on our Delhi Village roadside verge, and I intend to consult with neighbours and remove them fully - mainly by digging out the tubers.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

What are your thoughts about field horsetail?
I'm seeing it in more and more places. Can you stop it spreading from Rangitikei River gravel as it has done?

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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

The practical reality of pest monitoring should be inclusive of both prevention and existing pest species; there is no need to separate focus. Effective monitoring will inform prioritisation of limited control resources. Everyone should be working together to protect the environment from pests.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

The current target pests (plant species in particular) do not include some species that are greatly out competing native species, particularly along the Whanganui river and tributaries - te awa tupua values should elevate control measures here.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Getting an invasive pest under control can be extremely resource intensive, resources would be wasted if a pest is eradicated from an area then re-infests as it is allowed to spread from a neighbouring property.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

A collaborative approach would be best, where landowners are capable and have the resource, they should take responsibility but Horizons should assist where the landowner may not have capability or adequate resourcing. The wellbeing of the environment benefits all whether it is on their property or not and pests do not discriminate

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Water quality
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Soil resources
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

In Whanganui District in particular, there are few spaces where indigenous species dominate, exotic weed species dominate in many green or natural spaces, particularly in roadsides and river/stream banks.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Landowners of any size should be responsible for controlling pests that are a threat to native biodiversity. Although this probably isn't practical to enforce in terms of funding through rates. There are many urban properties harbouring pest plant species and it is almost a wasted effort for neighbours to try to control theirs if everyone isn't doing the same.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Deer are absolutely out of control and have starting wandering the urban area in Whanganui, particularly the Aramoho area, they cause damage to native restoration efforts and are a danger to motorists. Obviously the farm owners in this area aren't doing anything about it. District Council has attempted some control but were unsuccessful and are limited to small pockets administered by council.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Stronger collaboration between District councils, iwi groups (such as Nga Tangata Tiaki) and interested community groups. Formalised forums or governing bodies could be established to discuss and determine priority nuisance species and plans for how these can be controlled. Consenting issues create barriers for those who actually want to get work done. Collaboration should be done at a smaller local scale so the issues that are important to local communities can be addressed. More importance needs to be given to revegetation of areas where pest plants are controlled rather than continually controlling species without succession into native restoration.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Whanganui District Council has been collaborating with a volunteer group to remove pest and nuisance species along the Whanganui riverbank on Somme Parade, however consenting issues limit the area and extent that this work can be undertaken. Consent rules are a bit unclear around whether target pest plant species can be controlled, opposing advise has been given by Horizons staff (one engineer advised any plant considered to be a nuisance is allowed to be removed along waterways, yet consenting team advise consent is required for ANY vegetation clearance). Consent rules in the Oneplan are unclear about whether planting is allowed, whanganui awa not included in Oneplan also makes things ambiguous as to what is allowed.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Just some species to consider for inclusion in RPMP - blue morning glory (ipomoea indica), japanese honeysuckle (Lonicera japonica) and convulvulus/bindweed (Calystegia sylvatica, Calystegia sepium, Convolvulus arvensis) are just as much of a threat to indigenous species and behave very similarly to old man's beard by smothering and ultimately killing desired species. In whanganui district - pampas (Cortaderia selloana, Cortaderia jubata) and wattles (Acacia dealbata) are hugely out of control and pose a major threat to indigenous biodiversity, particularly along the whanganui river and within roading corridors. They are widespread in both rural and urban public and private properties. Bamboo and giant reed (Pseudosasa japonica, Arundo donax, Phragmites spp.) are also a major problem along the whanganui and tributaries. While it may not be plausible to use rates-funded activities to control these weeds, if they are included and officially recognised this carries more weight and helps the general public awareness of the issue and importance of controlling these species.

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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Whilst we do not want new pests to arrive, the impacts of existing pests on the local environment, in particular waterways and ecological areas is not being adequately managed.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

We know that there are effective control measures available for banana passionfruit and old man's beard for example, but these pests continue to be prevalent along the Manawatu River and roadsides in our region.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

This places onus on all landowners to be part of the pest control solution. However, I do understand that this is difficult for a neighbour with animal pests, to control mobile animal pests, beyond controlling nesting sites.
The other mapped progressive plant pest containment zones is not working. The size of the property is too large and excluding non-rateable and TLAs means:
Nothing is being done about horsetail invading private paddocks from roadside drains.
There is a lot of old man's beard along the Manawatu River - much of this land is on horizons land - horizons is not managing as land-owner, even though it is within the progressive containment zone.
The progressive containment should include bamboo - higher invasive.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Plant pests are a problem for all of us, not just land-owners. Horizons is best placed to control pests, rather than land-owners.
Historically the regional Council had a greater role in the delivery of pest management. A reduction in funding means we are going backwards

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Human health
Animal welfare
Water quality
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Soil resources

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

The focus of effort has been on economic impacts - that is farming, and not enough on biodiversity and the environment, especially in urban areas. Therefore plant pests that could have been removed or contained in these high-pressure environments, are taking a hold.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

All properties within containment zones have a responsibility to control pests, regardless of their size.
Acknowledging however that larger properties may have a larger cost to contain pests but that also they can generate income, compared to a small urban property, the rating basis should relate to the District Plan zone.
Commercial properties - e.g. factory and storage sites, that have old man's beard and blackberry on them, should be enforced to remove the plant pests at their own cost, and horizons should recover the cost of removal if they do not do so, through enforcement.
Lifestyle blocks should pay to control their own pests, but there should be a funding scheme available for pest infestations over a certain area - to help get them under control
Rural properties should pay a targeted rate to support pest control on farms
Urban properties should control their own pests, but have support to education and training from Council
Non- rateable properties and TLAs should contain pests at their own cost.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Where the impacts of feral animals warrants the investment. For example Canadian geese - the problem is just getting worse and they have an adverse impact on farming and parks. They are aggressive and they impact the welfare of other species in wetlands.

I do not think it is a one -size fits all. Some issues like deer and cats, others may be better to take the lead in partnership with horizons

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Deer are an issue however they are sought after by hunters and are a source of meat. Horizons may take a role in deer management within ecologically vulnerable areas only for example, and partner for control in other areas - eg privately owned forests

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Recognise that animal pests in particular may have value - for example deer meat. Work with groups who can get this meat to those who are facing food insecurity.
Canadian geese are a hunted species - work with Fish and Game to enable hunters to access farmland to shoot the geese for sport thus reducing costs for farmers
Provide funding assistance to Trusts and other community groups who manage areas such as gardens, and wetlands vulnerable to pests, to engage a contractor to control plant species that may be beyond the skills of their volunteers, and upskill them to manage it going forward

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Q33 Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?

Long Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Palmerston North City

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

There are already pests present that we need to control and/or eradicate so a combined prevention of new pests and eradication of existing ones is important. Volunteers, property owners AND Horizons all need to work together to do make this possible

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

We have no help from Horizons in controlling the flora and fauna pests we have in the areas worked by Green Corridors Range to River, i.e Turitea Valley and the gully reserves in Summerhill/ Aokautere

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Green Corridors work in areas near and adjacent to private properties. This is particularly problematic in the gully reserves in Summerhill/ Aokautere. Some neighbours have uncontrolled wild ginger, tradescantia, ivy, wild onion, old man's beard, convolvulus, horse tail on their properties all of which spreads into the reserves and does untold harm to our regenerating native bush and the planting by volunteers of ecosourced plants. Some neighbours have planted gunnera in the reserves and when approached to explain these plants are dreadful for our work they do not see the issue.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Horizons do need explain to occupiers that these plant pests are VERY detrimental to the regeneration of the native bush in Green Corridors areas and enforce their removal but the occupier needs to be made to remove the offending pests. It is their property and they should take responsibility. However in the case of some occupiers who are physically unable to do this then Horizons and/or Green Corridors should help.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Funding or incentives for control

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Water quality
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Human health
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Plant pests, much from neighbours both introduced by them planting in the reserve land and by failing to control on their properties, have an inordinate impact on the indigenous bush which Green Corridors is trying to develop. Animal pests...we have an extensive trapping system (mainly Doc 200 and Timms) throughout our GC areas and for some years have been catching possums, stoats, weasels, rats, mice and hedgehogs. However rabbits and hares are becoming an increasing problem and we have no idea how to control them. They are eating all species of native plants including nikau.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

As Green Corridors works mainly in urban areas and our issues are with a few neighbours who have small sections and see no reason to control very serious weeds as well as thinking they can take some reserve land for themselves, a property size threshold does not help us deal with this problem.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Feral animals can have a serious impact on not only native bush but the bird and insect life it supports.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

A very hard issue. The hunting fraternity would work against any control but farmers should be at the forefront of dealing with uncontrolled deer. I see this as driven by Horizons not only supporting farmers but educating the public to the damage deer do.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Talking to Green Corridors and finding out our issues would be a good start. From that discussion we could find solutions that we can achieve together. Green Corridors does not have teeth or authority to persuade members of the public to control their noxious weeds from spreading to our reserve areas and we need help urgently.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

The tradescantia beetle in a patch in Upper Pari reserve has been hugely successful. Although a relatively small patch I would hope this is a start of good things

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 148

Contribution ID: 4172
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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Because many occupiers don't have the skills and Horizons doesn't want to be seen as heavy handed.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Water quality
Soil resources
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

You can't manage the environment of NZ by only working on large properties. It must apply to the whole environment or it's destined to fail. Examples: Wellington City's work on pest-free zones is showing how effective it can be.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

The idea that we should "manage" deer by encouraging hunting is ridiculous. They do so much damage that they need to be completely removed, outside of farming.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): Both.

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

I would like to see alternatives to chemical destruction of plants wherever possible, and just because a particular pest currently has no proven solution does not mean it should be excluded from the list, e.g. phragmites karka.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

No

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 149

Contribution ID: 4171
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Date Submitted: Apr 10, 2026, 08:08 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Rangitīkei

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Pampas everywhere and other weeds being spread along drains

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I have this all ready I spray the weeds that come from my neighbours every year because they dont spray theirs.If they spray theirsncil I should have stop using chemical by now

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

if its private property then owners but if its road side then council.Ive had pest weeds spread onto our land from council drains

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Water quality
Soil resources
Human health
Animal welfare
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
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Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves
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Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 150

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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Enforcement on occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Human health
Water quality
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Social and cultural wellbeing
Soil resources
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
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Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

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Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 151

Contribution ID: 4169
Member ID:
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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Other: Wellington

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on preventing pests from arriving

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

I have a problem with occupiers taking pest control into their own hands from a humane perspective - especially with feral cats / goats etc. Giving people the authority to kill these creatures by any means they see fit may well result in extremely cruel practises which are effectively condoned by the legislation. Occupiers aren't necessarily going to bother checking if a cat has been dumped and may actually be someone's pet. They may also undertake to shoot animals and leave them to die a slow painful death on their property, or in extreme circumstances use the legislation to torture animals as they have been given 'permission' to do so by the council, given that the animals are labelled as pests.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Animal welfare
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Water quality
Soil resources
Social and cultural wellbeing
Human health
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Animal welfare is my top concern - and this includes using weed sprays and herbicides which are known to kill bees :(

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Not very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

No

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

As I have already mentioned I am against wholesale hunting of animals purely to manage biodiversification. And much as I love our native birdlife I think that giving random people authority to kill cats whenever they please is a recipe for disaster from an animal welfare perspective. There is also the impact on tourism with New Zealand being advertised as a 'clean green' country (witness the outrage from animal protection groups throughout the world re the yearly Cat Killing Competition in the upper north).

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
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Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

No - though I think it is very important that iwi be involved in decision making.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

I am not actively involved in pest management - I would just like any pests to be eradicated in the most humane way possible.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 152

Contribution ID: 4168
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Apr 01, 2026, 01:52 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Tararua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Shared responsibility and encouraging community leads in pest management will achieve greater results. Eradication is a pipedream, control to sustainable manageable levels is realistically the best possible outcome

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Isolated removal merely encourages repopulation from outside, we see that with the doc land in our catchment with possums deer goats and pigs, old man's beard and banana passion fruit at present

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Historically councils are a costly method of delivering control. The national pest strategy proposed that places greater emphasis on catchment and recreational control in conjunction with regional programs is I believe the way forward. Local knowledge and experience hubbed across the region and supported with funding and expert backup from the regional council will achieve community but in better.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Economic wellbeing
Animal welfare
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Water quality
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Soil resources
Human health
The viability of threatened species of organisms

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

The growth of lifestyle blocks and persons unfamiliar with what constitutes a pest/weed in rural areas due to subdivision or forestry means that these properties can become havens from which problems can spread

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Catchment boards are undertaking this in some areas and seem to be a cost effective method. The national pest mgr strategy also builds on this and structured recreational hunting via the likes of nzda and the game animal council as playing a major role in this. Regional councils already involved in animal control appear to have a poor track record wet efficiency of spend

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

As above

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values
Protecting the environment and native species
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild
Other (please specify): Supporting catchment or nzda led programs where operating

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

I have undertaken pest control in plantation forestry in the past, lack of surrounding landowner interest made the jobs harder and occasionally caused conflict especially regarding deer.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Other: Bay of Plenty

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Wild kiwifruit is not currently listed at a pest plant in the RPMP and we know wild kiwifruit is present within the Horizons region.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

If wild kiwifruit is present on a property adjacent to or in close proximity to a kiwifruit orchard and it is left uncontrolled it has the potential to harbour pests and diseases which can negatively impact the neighboring properties economic prospects. This can increase costs to a landowners through pest and disease control and reduce income due to reduced crop loading due to pest or disease pressure. Depending on the neighboring property it can also have a negative impact on environmental and cultural values due to its highly invasive nature.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

This gets good buy-in and support from the community as costs and management mostly fall with the kiwifruit industry (control) and local council (in-kind and/or passive surveillance). Currently in other growing regions in New Zealand the kiwifruit industry funds 75% of control costs of wild kiwifruit when it is on land owned by a kiwifruit grower, forestry, government department or local council. The kiwifruit industry funds 100% of control costs when wild kiwifruit is present on private land where the landowner is not a kiwifruit grower.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Economic wellbeing
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Soil resources
Water quality
Human health
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Wild kiwifruit can impact each one of the values mentioned above. The most obvious and impactful being economic, environmental and cultural depending on the location of the pest plant.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded only by properties covered by the rules

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Unsure re property size question.
Fariness and how we target properties in other regions is that the property with the pest plant present is responsible for payment (where required). Some councils do provide funding from rate payers also to go towards in-kind work, surveillance and sometimes control.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Don't know

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Not applicable to KVH.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Don't know

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Not applicable to KVH.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Don't know
Other (please specify): Not applicable to KVH.

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Other (please specify): Horizons in partnership with KVH leads wild kiwifruit vine control throughout the region.

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Landowners manage pests themselves
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Kiwifruit Vine Health (KVH) could work collaboratively with Horizons Regional Council to support the surveillance, mapping and control of wild kiwifruit by sharing technical expertise, industry intelligence, and contractor capability. Under this approach, Council biosecurity staff could integrate wild kiwifruit surveillance into routine field activities and maintain records within Council pest databases, while KVH supports targeted control, prioritisation of high-risk sites, and co-funded control where appropriate. This partnership model has proven effective in other regions, enabling efficient use of resources, consistent messaging to landowners, and coordinated action to reduce the spread and impact of wild kiwifruit on both biodiversity and the kiwifruit industry. In other regions it is a great example of collaboration between industry and council/s to achieve better biosecurity outcomes.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

KVH works with regional and district councils where wild kiwifruit is listed as a pest plant in the Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Marlborough, and Tasman areas, and wild kiwifruit is also listed as a pest plant in Northland and Auckland. Our long term goal is to have wild kiwifruit listed as a pest plant in all growing regions throughout New Zealand and to work with all councils in these regions to prevent wild kiwifruit establishing as a weed and to lesson its impact on local economies, biodiversity and cultural values. From our experience it is a great example of industry and council collaboration.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

KVH would support the inclusion of wild kiwifruit in the RPMP under progressive containment.

Response No: 154

Contribution ID: 4165
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Q1 **Name**

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Rangitīkei

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

At this stage pest control is minimal and worrying. Nothing really gets done about possums, goats deer pigs out of control. Horizons officers seem more worried about wasting money flying around in helicopters checking the tops of tōtaras to count possums, what happened to do actual pest control?? At the moment it seems the officers are almost allergic to doing the ground work and prefer to fly around

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

The only thing that was addressed were a few rooms living in our trees, again a helicopter and a lot of $$ later maybe 13 rooms dead. Get out there and actually do pest control. It involves hard work and getting out of the fancy ute's you drive around in

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

It is a known fact Forestry and doc are the worst neighbours a farmer can have, neither seem to try that hard to control pigs deer or goats, possums, etc.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

There is plenty of doc land that needs urgent attention that horizons could try to vigorously to do some pest control on. Farmers could do with a hand. Full access would give horizons too much control over private land, which they don't need

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Enforcement on occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Animal welfare
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Soil resources
Water quality
Human health
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Economic wellbeing
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

The bottom line is pests need to be controlled no matter what. Well-being and feelings have nothing to do with it. Once this nation gets back to using productivity as a gauge and not how everyone feels maybe work will get done

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Stay about the same as it is now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

At the moment horizons wastes unbelievable amounts of ratepayers money. On ute's, on driving horse ute's around, usually with one person in them and not one tool in the back. Surely some of these ute's could be changed for much smaller vehicles. On checking on things. You don't need to spend $30k flyinghelicopters to check possum numbers, get in the bush and set traps! $30k would catch a lot of possums.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

More enforcement on land owners to control numbers could be used, too many harbour deer on their properties, forestry in particular, plant carbon forests, send in a couple hunters and tick a box and that's it.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Find people that actually don't mind a bit of hard work and will follow through and use money wisely. Horizons officers I've talked to about weed species told me the ones I enquired about were 'out the gate' as they were to hard to pull out when they first arrived in the district. What a pathetic excuse

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

I'm actively involved in possum and cat trapping, 2 species that ruin our environment. Possums especially need to be kept in check now that osprey, or whoever is now in control, aren't testing for tb.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

It's very hard to drive past horizons headquarters and seeing how many late model ute's are parked up. Paid for on rate payers funds. There needs to be an overhaul with serious cuts made, and actual results, not just some overweight man telling me the problems out the gate as the weeds too hard to pull out

Response No: 155

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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

The possum control is needing to be done more regularly and not once every 4 years or 6 years in my case for half of the farm

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

The rates horizon has a portion that is ment for pest control and they are needing to address big sections and not owners doing it

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Support and guidance for occupiers

Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Water quality
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Soil resources
Animal welfare
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Human health
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

A little concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

I think everyone needs to contribute to pest control and management as it doesnt matter the size of the property you can still have pests in your back yard. If you use parks and recreation areas they need pest management as well. It is a team effort not juat the people who have bigger properties

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

No

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

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Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Currently the main control efforts by Horizons and DOC appear to be concentrated on Opossums. The main threats to bird and animal life would be stoats, ferrets, weasels and wild cats which are mainly left up to the individual landowners who may or may not be bothered about controlling them. In the long run animal pests will never be eradicated while they can seek refuge on properties where less interested landowners can't be bothered setting traps or inviting pest control organizations to do it for them.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

While Horizons do a great job controlling possums in my area they do nothing to control the worst mammalian predators such as stoats, ferrets, weasels and wild cats.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Having been involved in pest control for many years on my property, I get pretty frustrated with the lack of trapping on adjacent properties. No matter how many traps I have no matter how many pests I catch the pest animals just keep coming in from the neighbors.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

I think that all landowners should be involved in and contribute to animal control on their properties.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Enforcement on occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
Water quality
The viability of threatened species of organisms
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Human health
Social and cultural wellbeing
Animal welfare
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

The survival distribution of indigenous plants and animals relies on the sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes and biological diversity.

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

The property size rule should be abolished if we are serious about pest control and elimination of animal and plant pests by 2050. There are currently to many loopholes available to landowners who don't want to be part of pest control in the Horizons region (the good neighbour rule).

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I would contribute to funding feral management control as without support from landowners it's never going to happen.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

The deer and goat populations are out of control and affect landowners not only rural but around town in some areas.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting farmland and production values
Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Open forum, public meetings, mail out surveys to all landowners.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

I have been involved in pest management on my own property for many years.
I was involved in pest management while working for the Forest Service when I worked for them.
I am a member of Predator Free NZ and a member of QEII Trust NZ.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Successful pest management depends on shared responsibility, with landowners/occupiers, communities, iwi etc. If predator free 2050 is to become a reality, then all land, property owners need to take responsibility. The success of Predator free Wellington project shows that it can happen if the community gets behind it.

Response No: 157

Contribution ID: 4162
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Mar 26, 2026, 07:05 AM

Q1 **Name**

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Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Manawatū

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Sharing knowledge and tools of the trade to manage weeds and pests would help. Everyone needs support to get started and some to maintain a control programme.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Flexibility to adapt over time
Achieving measurable results
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Protecting the most important places and values

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: We are in an active possum control area, have a good relationship with our local liaison, have a bush block being looked after by horizons.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: An occupier of a property may not have the skills, time and budget to maintain pests. Support would be appreciated.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 70

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: It has to be a balance, individual occupiers will have different values and these may need to be considered to achieve the desired outcomes.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control

Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Human health
Animal welfare
Water quality
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Soil resources
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
Economic wellbeing
Social and cultural wellbeing

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Pests if left without control can be very damaging to our environment

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

The whole community benefits from clean rivers and healthy bush and forests

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

The task is potentially too big for single landowners to achieve without a blanket approach

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

The issue is widespread, and the deer have no boundaries

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Knowledge, guidance, funding and resources to control and maintain pests

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Deer fenced off a significant tree block to control deer destruction. Worked well but cost a lot of money. Farmers need to be profitable enough to spend money on big projects.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

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SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 158

Contribution ID: 4161
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Mar 16, 2026, 02:05 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Whanganui

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Pest plant management is currently disjointed. It would be great if Horizons could leverage their relationships with waka kohtahi and Rail NZ for example to ensure roads and railways don't continue to be the spreader of pest plants left unchecked. Bring district councils, DoC, Waka kotahi, Rail NZ, Iwi, catchment groups and environment groups together for planning sessions identifying pest key issues at community/catchment scale.

Horizons could enable and resource environment groups in this space more. Providing chemicals and training to help groups manage their local reserves for example. In the Bay of Plenty their Regional council does this very well, rather then leaving it to District councils only they work together.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Flexibility to adapt over time
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Possums are coming back, deer are out of control, broom and heather threatening native ecosystems (Ruapehu District). Phragmites karka threatening infrastructure and river systems around Feilding plus RAMSAR site at Manawatu Estuary.

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

As long as those rules apply to waka kohtahi and rail NZ as well. Also NZ Carbon Farming. These avenues are a huge seed source within rural NZ.

You can't just target farmers with this. If you can show you are holding the above agencies to account first then the conversation with landowners will go better.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

Depends on the pest.

100% for Phragmites karka

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Funding or incentives for control
Education and awareness campaigns
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
Economic wellbeing
Soil resources
Water quality
Human health
Animal welfare

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Very concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Deer and goats decimating the understory of our native forests which could lead to future ecosystem collapse.

Phragmites karka growing pretty much unchecked.

Wallaby's at the border.'

A disjointed approach to pest plant and animal issues in this region.

Some concern that bringing people together will be difficult with organisations doing patch protection and others putting these issues in the too hard basket. How can we break down barriers and get everyone on the same page?

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Be removed entirely

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

I think the clear land good neighbour rules need to be paused until you target much more significant issues with pest corridors caused by NZ Transport and Rail.

This rule is an example of how regulation over farmers is a waste of Horizons resources and time. Move away from directing people what to do on their land and into an enabling space where the real local issues are highlighted instead of pitching neighbors against each other.

Support and resource community ownership of greenspaces instead of just leaving it to district councils.

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I think once again it is about a coordinated multi agency approach also including forestry and NZ Carbon Farming. If Horizons can front some resourcing it may bring other agencies along.

Important to take a targeted approach to the work and avoid disjointed management of pests otherwise they just shift from block to block.

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Definitely

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

It would be great if Horizons could publicly acknowledge that feral deer are impacting forests and water quality (unstable forest floor causing increased likely hood of slips). The active approach could be undertaking population counts and highlighting how many are there. This data presented the right way to hunters might encourage them to take more animals that they currently are.

Enable more hunting by surveying NZ Deer Stalkers etc as to what the barriers are to hunting.

Focus funding on identified zones where culling is needed.

Put pressure on Forestry and NZ Carbon Farming to step up to more regular culls of feral animals.

Incentivize regular goat musters on farmland. Offer support to landowners who have feral animal problems from neighboring conservation land or forestry.

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species
Protecting farmland and production values

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Catchment approach.

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Supprised at the lack of support for Phagmites karka 4 years ago. Glad to see Horizons is starting to come to the party with this. But still shocked that a community group is left leading R&D on this significant issue.

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Phragmites karka needs to be in the RPMP.

Response No: 159

Contribution ID: 4160
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Mar 16, 2026, 11:59 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

pests in pine or carbon platations spreedingon to farms

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

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Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

iwi and other owners not allowing work to be done

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The viability of threatened species of organisms
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
Human health
Animal welfare
Water quality
Soil resources
Economic wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
Social and cultural wellbeing
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

i contral myself and we export protein

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

money should be coming from carbon farming and lots of it

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

there are lots of options

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Landowners manage pests themselves

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

after attempts are maid the use legal options !

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

cats are out of control ..i shoot and trap heaps

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

SOCIAL POINT BY OPEN POINT

Response No: 160

Contribution ID: 4159
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Mar 13, 2026, 01:38 PM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text

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Q2 **Email address**

Email

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Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box

Horowhenua

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box

All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking

Protecting the most important places and values
Setting ambitious long-term goals
Achieving measurable results
Flexibility to adapt over time
Being realistic about funding and delivery

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box

Agree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box

Somewhat important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text

I'm not currently in that situation.

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text

We all need to be equally responsible.

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking

Education and awareness campaigns
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
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Soil resources
Water quality
Human health
Animal welfare
Social and cultural wellbeing
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control
Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Not sure

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

Not sure

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Maybe, depends on costs

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

Maybe, depending on costs

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Protecting the environment and native species

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting biodiversity values

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
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Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Response No: 161

Contribution ID: 4158
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Mar 13, 2026, 10:50 AM

Q1 **Name**

Short Text: Marsha Henderson

Q2 **Email address**

Email: [redacted]

Q3 **Which district do you live in?**

Select Box: Ruapehu

Q4 **Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?**

Select Box: All of the above

Q5 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: We already have quite a number of weeds and pests. We definitely don't want more arriving.

Q6 **When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.**

Ranking:
Being realistic about funding and delivery
Achieving measurable results
Protecting the most important places and values
Flexibility to adapt over time
Setting ambitious long-term goals

Q7 **Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.**

Select Box: Neither agree nor disagree

Q8 **Please explain your choice.**

Short Text: The possums numbers are on the increase. The goat numbers are already high

Q9 **Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?**

Select Box: Very important

Q10 **Please explain your choice.**

Long Text: Pine blocks and Bush blocks contribute hugely to the pests/weeds coming onto our farm

Q11 **If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?**

Slider: 80

Q12 **Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?**

Long Text: Can't rely on our farmers to keep land pest free

Q13 **How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?**

Ranking:
Funding or incentives for control
Support and guidance for occupiers
Enforcement on occupiers
Education and awareness campaigns

Q14 **Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.**

Ranking

Human health
Animal welfare
Economic wellbeing
Water quality
Soil resources
The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
The viability of threatened species of organisms
Social and cultural wellbeing
The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga

Q15 **How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?**

Select Box

Moderately concerned

Q16 **Please tell us why you chose this option.**

Long Text

Q17 **Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?**

Multi Choice

Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable
Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region
Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region
Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control

Q18 **In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...**

Select Box

Apply to smaller properties than it does now

Q19 **Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?**

Select Box

A mix of general rates and targeted rates

Q20 **Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.**

Long Text

All land owners should put effort into keeping their land free from weeds/pests regardless of size

Q21 **How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?**

Select Box

Very important

Q22 **Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.**

Select Box

Definitely

Q23 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

I don’t want to pay for deer culling but definitely want the goats/cats/pigs/geese reduced in numbers but it must be economical management

Q24 **Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?**

Select Box

No

Q25 **Please explain your answer to the last question.**

Long Text

They should concentrate on the other pests that are not controlled like goats etc

Q26 **What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?**

Multi Choice

Don't know

Q27 **Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?**

Select Box

Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)

Q28 **Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?**

Select Box

Horizons leads most pest management work across the region

Q29 **For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.**

Ranking

Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowers
Landowners manage pests themselves
Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

Q30 **Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?**

Long Text

No

Q31 **Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.**

Select Box

Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

Q32 **Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?**

Long Text

No

Q33 **Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?**

Long Text

Are u currently doing anything to reduce Canadian geese numbers? Or wild cats?

DOC informal feedback on the discussion document for the Horizons Regional Council's RPMP review (phase 2)

(2017-2037)

Timeline

The department would request direct engagements towards the end of 2026/early 2027 to get early indications and provide feedback on what is being proposed in the new plan.

Please contact via the email address below to discuss dates and times that suit:

RPMPconsultation@doc.govt.nz

A DOC project lead and new SPC will be assigned and confirmed during this meeting. The new SPC will remain in place for the duration of the RPMP review, drafting and delivering the departments formal submission on the RPMP proposal in phase 3 and being the interface between the regional council and the department during phase 4.

Setting the scene for the region

The department would welcome the opportunity to provide feedback on the development of the biosecurity strategic approach

Q1 Answer: Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here and sharing responsibility.

Pathways are difficult to manage or control and are often numerous. There may be opportunities to understand or implement pathways rules for some site-led areas where the pathways are few and manageable.

Wherever possible and where funding allows, service delivery would remain the best chance of meeting the goals of some species in the RPMP, with a focus on anything low in incidence. However, we understand the need to balance responsibility across landowners, communities, and non-ratable lands.

Understanding if the approach is working

The RPMP evaluation gave some good indications of what was and wasn't working. Unfortunately, there were repeated references to DOC's reduced funding, lack of action and lack of capacity that are compromising RPMP programmes.

We provided feedback on the RPMP evaluation earlier this year and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and understand how the RPMP proposal addresses the concerns and recommendations from the evaluation.

We understand the need to have ambitious RPMP goals but would support the desire to make them realistic.

Q2 Answer (top2):

1- Protecting the most important places and values
2- Being realistic about funding and delivery

The RPMP has limits

The department acknowledges that our priorities, our approach and associated funding can differ from the regional councils when it comes to ecosystem protection and biosecurity. We would welcome opportunities to discuss how we can collaborate and contribute to what's being proposed in the new RPMP, especially those site-led projects or intensive ambitious eradication attempts and where actions might be required on crown land.

Possums (sustained control)

Information below provided by DOCs wild animal management team:

DOC's Wild Animals Management team supports Horizons' effective possum control programme and recognises the strong outcomes being achieved across the region.

We see an opportunity to better coordinate **brodifacoum** use with wild deer management, particularly in priority landscapes such as the Ruahine ranges, where DOC is implementing a collaborative deer management plan with iwi, hunters (recreational and commercial), landowners and community.

Current brodifacoum use can constrain the safe harvest and processing of wild deer, both on private land and adjoining public conservation land. This can limit one of the most cost-effective tools available (commercial wild deer harvesting) to reduce deer impacts on biodiversity while supporting local economic activity.

We note national work is underway to review toxin use/bait station settings, which may change aspects of the current regulatory environment. While this may supersede some regional settings, the need for practical, place-based coordination of toxin use and harvest activity will remain, regardless of national outcomes.

Key submission points:

1. Enable coordinated planning of toxin use in priority landscapes

That the RPMP provides for active coordination of toxin use (including brodifacoum) with DOC, iwi and stakeholders in priority areas such as the Ruahine ranges.

This would support alignment between possum control operations and deer management programmes, reduce unintended barriers to harvest, and enable more effective cross-tenure management.

2. Provide flexibility to use alternative approaches, supported by partnership funding where needed

That the RPMP enables flexibility in possum control methods, including identifying areas where alternatives to brodifacoum may be more appropriate to support deer harvest and utilisation outcomes.

Where alternative approaches increase operational costs, Horizons and DOC could explore targeted co-investment, recognising the shared biodiversity, cultural and economic benefits of improved coordination.

3. Improve transparency and information sharing on toxin use

That Horizons provides clear, accessible mapping or notifications on toxin use, able to be shared to inform deer management decisions.

Improved visibility will support safe decision-making by hunters, landowners and commercial operators, increase confidence in pest management programmes, and enable better coordination across public conservation land and private land.

Exploring Regional Pest Management Plan rules

Q10 Answer: Stay the same or apply to larger properties.

With over 400,000 hectares of Crown land, any changes to or new good neighbour rules (GNR) can have big implications for the department. We would welcome the opportunity to get early engagement on what's being proposed for GNR's and why this approach is being proposed.

Is HRC managing the right things?

In addition to the species mentioned in the discussion document, we recommend these species are considered for inclusion in the RPMP:

Great Willow Herb *Epilobium hirsutum*

Cabomba caroliniana

Alpine newt *Mesotriton alpestris*

Big-headed Ant *Pheidole megacephala*

Skunk vine *Paederia foetida*

Bush-killer vine *Causonis japonica*

Pink ragwort *Senecio glastifolius*

Eastern water dragon *Intellagama lesueurii*

Red eared slider turtle *Trachemys scripta elegans*

Chilean myrtle *Luma apiculata*

Golden orfe *leuciscus idus*

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Submission by Environment Network Manawatū on the Horizons Regional Pest Management Plan

ENM is the environment hub for the Manawatū region, connecting and inspiring communities to take environmental action.

The proposed review of the Regional Pest Management Plan is of high relevance to the interests of our member groups. Members within our key pou of Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement and Cimate Action have first-hand experience in dealing with the issues posed by rampant invasive flora and fauna so they appreciate the magnitude of the task set for Horizons at a regional scale. A coordinated, prioritised and, where possible, science-based approach is clearly what is required. The dedicated team at Horizons is a great boon to the collective conservation effort.

Member Priorities

While we acknowledge that horticulture and agriculture are key industries within the Horizons region, our members have particular focus on protecting and restoring the biodiversity of wilderness areas. We believe that what benefits native and biodiverse ecosystems also benefits the wider human community, including those engaged in food production. These benefits are realised through erosion prevention, pollinator services, water treatment, climate regulation, predation on pest insects etc., as well as the social and emotional benefits of time spent within natural environments.

The operating area of Environment Network Manawatū, as defined by the bounds of our Environmental Initiatives Fund, is the wider catchment of the Manawatū river. This evinces the importance we place on the health of our waterways and the direct effect that human activity, for better or worse, can have on the quality of aquatic habitats. Our members share this view and believe that, at this time, particular emphasis should be afforded to those pest species that are diminishing the mauri of waterways. In addition we stress the importance of protecting and enhancing the well-being of those very few remnants of ancient native vegetation, especially in the areas of high human occupancy.

Species of Concern

In talks with our members, two species arise as being of particular concern, due to the deleterious effects they have on the wider biome.

Phragmites Karka

Our members focussed on the Manawatū catchment and estuary have repeatedly raised their fears of a Phragmites karka takeover of precious waterways. The spread to date has been marked and we urge Horizons to prioritise and list this species under the RPMP. We acknowledge the research efforts already undertaken and would support further study in biological and chemical controls. The current priority should however be the effective, though admittedly expensive, mechanical control.

Deer

Deer are a regular topic of discussion within our member groups. They are a pest that bridges the perceived gap between the interests of agriculture and conservation. Reduction of pest ruminant animal populations holds massive potential for improving the quality of forest understory ecosystems, increasing success of habitat restoration efforts and for increasing the carbon sequestering potential of existing native forests. For these reasons, ENM supports the use of all legal available means to decrease populations of all species of wild deer within the Horizons region.

Public Outreach

It has also been noted that there is little to no public awareness of the pest plants that our members are endeavouring to control. Stories abound of people planting a beautiful, ornamental pest and jasmine in gardens that border on reserves, which then spreads and infests the protected native vegetation. I have personally been “gifted” a banana passionfruit plant by a very kind community gardener. This issue is made worse by the common practice of nurseries selling pest species to an uninformed public.

In some instances, pest plants are installed prominently in public spaces, as is the case at the recently renovated Arena Manawatū which features an avenue of Phoenix palms (Phoenix canariensis), as well as the planting of the invasive pest karaka (*Corynocaprus laevigatus*) beside the Karaka Bridge, karaka being serious problem outside its natural range, especially for those plants which are not descended from cultivars selected by Māori. This is a failure on the part of PNCC to lead by example and is evidence of a wider apathy and/or ignorance of the potential harms caused by pest plants.

Old Man’s Beard

The memorable campaign against Old Man’s Beard (Clematis vitalba) has come up as an example of a concerted awareness effort that brought that species under scrutiny in the wider community. But sadly this species is now increasingly spreading through the Manawatū, and often from council-managed lands, impacting on others' conservation efforts.

Because of these sorts of problems, ENM believes that the RPMP should include some aspect of mass public education on pests of concern, particularly in cases where it would progress Horizons’

wider goals. We are well situated as an organisation to assist Horizons in generating and spreading content and messaging that relates to pest management issues.

The membership of Environment Network Manawatū collectively represents hundreds of years of experience in combating invasive plants and animal species in our specific regional biome. We stand as a representative body and a conduit for the knowledge and experience of our membership. As such we hope to be involved in the RPMP review at later stages as appropriate and invite further consultation as would be conducive to the development of an effective, responsive and appropriate Regional Pest Management Plan.

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Submission on: Review of the Regional Pest Management Plan for Manawatu-Whanganui Region 2026.

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INTRODUCTION

Federated Farmers welcome this opportunity to submit on the 2026 review of Horizons' Regional Pest Management Plan.

We support any individual submissions made by members of Federated Farmers.

MAIN POINTS

Regional Pest Management Plans are a key regulatory tool under the Biosecurity Act 1993 to manage pest plants and animals at a regional level. Differences in pest listings, rules, funding mechanisms, and enforcement settings can create inconsistency for farmers operating across multiple regions and may lead to uneven outcomes for pest control.

Federated Farmers fully endorse property owner and occupier responsibility for pest management – it is in the everyone's interest to do pest management and we encourage everyone to do their part on land that they own or occupy.

At the same time, pest pressures are increasing in many areas. Wilding conifers, browsing animals such as deer and goats, invasive plant species, and predator pests are affecting farm productivity, biodiversity, and long-term land management outcomes.

Federated Farmers' objective is to ensure RPMPs recognise farmers as frontline managers of pests, support landholder-led control, and operate as part of a coordinated national pest management system that delivers long-term outcomes for both production and biodiversity

We have no qualms that 'pest management laggards' need to be pursued to bring everyone up to the same rigorous pest management standards. Otherwise, they create more of a pest management burden for everyone else.

Federated Farmers are concerned that *Good Neighbour Rules* should apply even-handedly to everyone and are concerned about how pest management should be enforced and funded when it comes to non-rateable land. Ensuring all landowners, including Crown agencies and forestry, are meeting equivalent pest management obligations is critical to support landscape-scale and catchment-based management approaches.

Regional Pest Management Plans are a key delivery mechanism for many of these outcomes and must therefore align with national priorities while remaining practical and enforceable at a local level

Lastly, pest management will continue to be important as we transition into a future without regional councils. Pest Management Plans will remain a necessary fixture for addressing significant biosecurity threats to primary production, such as control of possums as vectors for bovine tuberculosis.

FUNDING PEST MANAGEMENT

Federated Farmers support pest management and support user pays. Any changes to funding for pest management is of most interest to us.

A confronting issue for Federated Farmers is the uneven cost burden of pest management. Farmers often 'pay twice', once for direct pest control, and again indirectly through landowner rates to support Council regulatory work.

We remain concerned that 'user-pays' in the existing Horizons 2017-37 Regional Pest Management ('RPMP') seems to be less applicable to non-rateable landowners, and more applicable to private individuals.

Within the Manawatu-Whanganui Region, there remains a significant potential pest threat on non-rateable land including the Department of Conservation's (DoC) estates. DoC estates make up roughly one-seventh of the Region's total land area. This is a huge potential problem when it comes to reliance on ratepayer funding to police 'landowner responsibility' for pest management.

Submission:

1. The RPMP should recognise amount of DoC land containing pest species.

GOVERNMENT'S PEST MANAGEMENT ROLE AND GOOD NEIGHBOUR RULE

The Government's 'pest management' role has traditionally previously been focussed on biosecurity issues such as possums as vectors for bovine tuberculosis, and highly invasive wilding pines growing where they are not wanted, destroying native ecosystems, and causing significant economic damage.

With Government scaling back programs such as possum control in areas where Operational Solutions for Primary Industries (OSPRI) have 'reprofiled' the 'threat of Bovine TB' as having been 'statistically eradicated', there remains a question about how remaining possums on DoC land (that have thus far escaped the clutches of OSPRI) will be kept in check. Possums in the wild will continue to breed. Moreover, wilding pines will continue to spread.

The practical reality is that the Government cannot simply abandon pest management on non-rateable Crown land. This is particularly important in the context of requirements for 'Good Neighbour Rules' in Regional Pest Management Plans, which are supposed to apply equally to non-rateable land and privately-owned rateable land.

Submission:

2. The RPMP should take account of scaling back of OSPRI's programme for possum eradication and require the Department of Conservation to contain spread of possums on conservation estate lands.

ENFORCING PEST MANAGEMENT ON NON-RATEABLE LAND

There can be no doubt that landowners should maintain responsibility for managing pests and weeds on their land. There is however a question around how Horizons will enforce pest management where landowners are not doing management on non-rateable land.

While we welcome regulatory support for pest management, it is difficult to see how the Regional Council can justify use of ratepayer's money – let alone any rates increases in this regard - for enforcing pest management on non-rateable land.

The Regional Council is funded from rates. The Crown, Councils, and non-rateable Māori landowners do not pay rates to Horizons Regional Council. This must give rise to a practical limit on how much Horizons can achieve when it comes to enforcing pest management on land that it does not collect rates from.

Submission:

3. Horizons should increase the severity of sanctions against non-rateable landowners who do not exercise responsible pest control, because the ratepaying community cannot afford to be carrying the burden for enforcing pest management on non-rateable land.

NEED TO IMPROVEMENT HOW GOOD NEIGHBOUR RULES APPLY TO NON-RATEABLE LAND

Good neighbour rules should apply to everyone and be enforceable. Nevertheless, it is unclear how the Regional Council will enforce the Good Neighbour Rule when it comes to complaints about pest management on non-rateable land, including Crown land.

Horizons' existing RPMP does not set out a detailed, prescriptive formula for how a cost-benefit analysis (CBA) is undertaken on a case-by-case basis when a complaint is received. There are also different sets of requirements for various types of non-rateable land, while setting other requirements for privately-owned land in the current RPMP. These generally allow longer more flexible compliance timeframes for the former, and shorter more rigid timeframes for the latter. In this regard, there is a need to create a clearer more transparent process for how emerging pest management issues, particularly complaints, are evaluated and prioritised.

There is a massive potential gap in possum control with OSPRI eradication programme coming to an end. Possums are the sole vector of *bovine tuberculosis*.

Submission:

4. The RPMP should set out a detailed method for how Good Neighbour Rules will be enforced against owners and occupiers of non-rateable land. This needs to include a cost benefit analysis of the impacts of non-compliance with pest management on non-rateable land.

PEST MANAGEMENT IN THE FUTURE

Pest control needs to be one of the functions undertaken by whatever agencies succeed regional councils.-Catchment boards may be a logical choice for overseeing pest management. Whichever way these responsibilities are carried forward, *pest management plans* will still be needed in the future.

Manaaki Whenua/Land Care have done a lot of research work on various pests such as wilding pines and feral cats that could usefully feed into pest management priorities.

Larger game such as deer are managed under the Wild Animal Control Act 1977 because they have a certain value, and there will be some efficiencies in tying some aspects of 'pest control' into other frameworks such as this

We are aware that the Government is reviewing the Biosecurity Act to address issue of definition of 'pests' so that deer can be considered a pest in certain situations (i.e. where there are 'too many' deer). This could result in 'localised catchment management zones' that include deer or ungulates where these are a pest.

Submission:

5. Horizons should give some consideration to identification of priority pest control risks in view of potentially handing-over pest control functions to whatever agency or agencies are going to take over pest control work in the future.

PEST CONIFERS

Federated Farmers supports ensuring wilding conifer management focuses on prevention, early intervention, and protection of public investment, rather than relying primarily on reactive control. Manawatu-Whanganui Region has wilding conifer problems in the upper/northern river catchments.

The inclusion of all planted, plantation and wildling trees of the species Contorta, Scots Pine, Dwarf Mountain Pine, Mountain Pine with progressive containment and reduction status is supported by Federated Farmers.

Wilding conifers should be formally declared pests when they occur outside managed plantings. This triggers the Biosecurity Act prohibitions on propagation, spread, and distribution.

RPMPs should include a rule requiring land occupiers to destroy or control wilding conifers on their land. We do not anticipate there to be many farmed properties that have these pine species plantations that will need to be contained.

We hope that all these species will not be available to purchase at garden nurseries.

Submission:

6. Federated Farmers supports including all planted, plantation and wilding trees of the species Contorta, Scots Pine, Dwarf Mountain Pine and Mountain Pine.

7. Federated Farmers supports *progressive containment* status for the pest conifers in the Karioi Forest Zone.

CROWN LAND

Federated Farmers submits that central government agencies: Department of Conservation, Kiwi Rail, the New Zealand Transport Agency and Land Information New Zealand should be identified as beneficiaries or exacerbators of pest management in the District.

We support the national direction that Crown, road and rail authorities carry out pest management on the land they occupy and that they are bound by the Good Neighbour Rule as stipulated by the Biosecurity Law Reform Act 2012.

On Crown land, proactive pest control is seldom undertaken to the level required, and it is often only done when an obvious problem develops - by which stage it is generally more difficult to control the pest within the boundaries. This situation causes problems for farmers and other landowners who bear the costs of poor pest control on adjoining land when it spreads to their own property.

FFNZ views the good neighbour rule as a key step to addressing the ongoing issue of Crown land being non-rateable and otherwise not required to directly contribute to pest management.

TERRITORIAL AUTHORITIES

Federated Farmers supports territorial authorities within the Manawatu-Whanganui Region being required to control pests on land that they occupy in accordance with the rules of the RPMP. Each territorial authority must meet the costs of complying with this RPMP.

Territorial authorities own many parcels and pockets of land, including many pockets smaller than the 4ha minimum size that the RPMP identifies *Good Neighbour Rules* as applicable to (including road berms and small reserves). Federated Farmers say that territorial authorities should be made to comply with *Good Neighbour Rules* no matter whether their council land is smaller than 4ha or not. Where territorial authorities have capability to manage pests, then they should manage pests on all council land because they are already set up to manage pests and the sheer amount of council land presents a huge pest management risk.

One aspect that has been concerning to us nationally is the increasing desire of councils to take esplanade reserves/strips for public access, and then not properly maintaining these, creating a haven for pests and weeds. Territorial authorities should be made responsible for meeting the rules and costs of complying.

A further way in which councils could support pest management on private land is to supply traps, herbicides, mapping tools, or technical advice to support existing landholder-led control programmes, especially where landowners adjoin Council-owned land that is the subject of targeted pest control measures in the RPMP.

Submission:

8. That all Good Neighbour Rules in the RPMP be amended to require territorial authorities to manage pest plants on land that they own, whether individual parcels of land are smaller than 4ha or not.

ROAD RESERVES

The RRMP needs to ensure roading authorities are responsible for controlling pests on the road reserves they occupy. This should include rest areas, weigh pits and stockpile sites.

Roading contractors often spread pest plants when clearing slips or working on roadsides. They also transport seeds of noxious species with cultivation and harvesting machinery. This is a result of poor hygiene around quarries and river stockpiles, and inadequate cleaning of loaders, buckets and mowers. While of course acknowledging the natural processes of birds and wind, Federated Farmers believes activities contribute to the spread of pests. In our view, the monitoring of metal sources along with contractual obligations on sub-contractors to abide by good biosecurity practice, via a Code of Practice, are needed.

Federated Farmers asks that the Regional Pest Management Plan state specifically when the good neighbour rule is to be applied to any specified activity, specifically via words to the effect that "*the Good Neighbour rule should be applied to any activity where one landholder's action or lack of action may impact adversely on the resources of a neighbour*".

Submission:

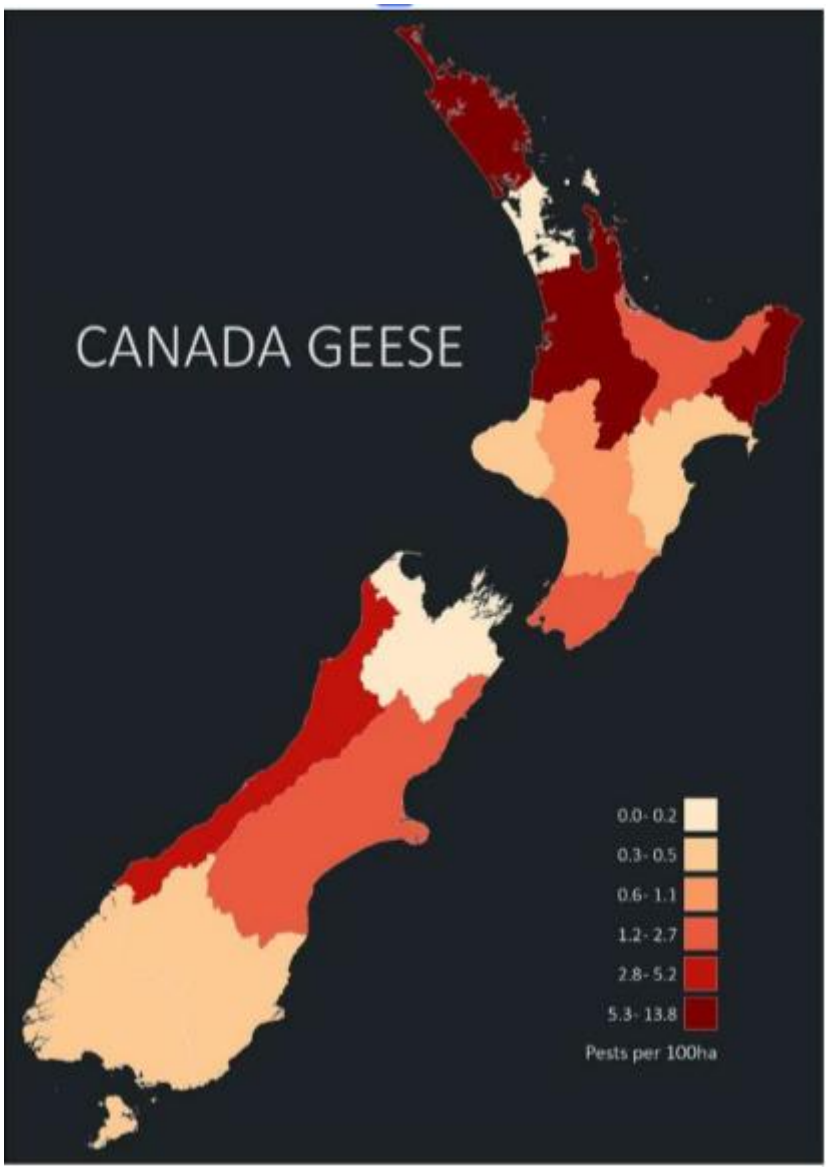
9. That Crown agencies: the Department of Conservation; Kiwi Rail; the New Zealand Transport Agency and Land Information New Zealand be identified as beneficiaries and/or exacerbators of pest management.

10. That Crown agencies be bound by the rules in the Regional Pest Management Plan and must adhere to Good Neighbour rules.

11. Territorial Authorities should be bound by the rules in the Regional Pest Management Plan, and roading authorities should be responsible for controlling pests on the road reserves they occupy.

CANADA GEESE

Federated Farmers are concerned that Canada Geese populations are on the increase in harbour, wetland and lakes areas, contributing to E.coli contamination in water bodies and pasture damage.



Map of Canada Geese culled per 100ha by region

Canada geese pose a major problem for farmers, with five geese consuming as much grass as one sheep. They target newly sown grass and compete directly with livestock, with some reports of flocks damaging large areas of pasture per night.

Federated Farmers recently surveyed members about Canada Geese as part of our National Pests Survey, and found that from August 2023 to August 2024, about 13,000 Canada Geese had been culled by surveyed farmers around the country. This is a huge effort by farmers and demonstrates how Canada Geese populations are becoming a problem again.

Submission:

12. Federated Farmers submits that Canada Geese be included in the Regional Pest Management Plan.

DEER, PIGS, POSSUMS & GOATS

In the absence of any pest control from Department of Conservation, deer numbers are building in the ranges and on other public conservation land. Possum numbers are expected to increase as OSPRI winds up it's 'TB-Free' pursuits.

Our recent survey[1] of more than 700 Federated Farmers members from across the country shows feral animals are costing farmers at least $213 million a year. That figure includes a direct spend of $5.45 per hectare on pest control ($74 million per year) and $10.22 per hectare in lost production ($139 million per year). Deer, pigs and goats are a significant proportion of this cost.

Unfortunately, Department of Conservation are spending just $13 million a year managing large browsing animals like goats, possums pigs and deer, and delivers 1080-based predator control on only around 7.5% of public conservation land annually. Federated Farmers is alarmed that DoC monitoring shows deer and goat prevalence increasing 64% in just the last 10 years. Members consider that DoC needs to do more to uphold its share of the pest control effort.

Horizons RPMP should address the control of these species.

This should recognise landholders who demonstrate active pest control that meets or exceeds RPMP standards through partial rebates or rates credits.

Submission:

13. The Regional Pest Management Plan needs to include wild deer, pigs and goats, particularly requiring Department of Conservation to better manage pest animals and comply with the Regional Pest Management Plan.

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[1] https://www.fedfarm.org.nz/FFPublic/Media-Releases/2024/Feral-animals-are-costing-farmers-a-fortune.aspx

Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector policy and advocacy organisation that aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

This submission is representative of member views and reflect the fact that local government rating and spending policies impact on our member's daily lives as farmers and members of local communities.

Federated Farmers thanks Horizons Regional Council for considering this submission.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS IN HORIZONS 2026 RPMP REVIEW CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Question 1

Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?

(Select one)

- Focus should be on preventing pests from arriving
- Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here
- Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities
- All of the above

Please explain your choice (optional).

Response

Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here and sharing responsibility with landowners and communities.
It is Governments responsibility to ensure pests that are not already here are prevented from arriving through mechanisms such as customs and border control regulations, and MPI's biosecurity responses and enforcement of these.
Where exotic 'pest' species have already arrived through natural processes, then those species are already here, and so they fall under 1) above.

Question 2

When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.

(1 = Highest priority, 5 = lowest priority)

- Being realistic about funding and delivery
- Achieving measurable results
- Protecting the most important places and values
- Setting ambitious long-term goals
- Flexibility to adapt over time

Response

The priority should be (in descending order of priority):

1 Protecting the most important places and values

2 Being realistic about funding and delivery

3 Achieving measurable results

4 Flexibility to adapt over time

5 Setting ambitious long-term goals

With the wide range of constraints on the Council and landowners, including having to deal with pests spilling over from non-rateable land from which the Council does not collect ratepayer revenue and in respect of which private landowner ratepayer neighbours have no regulatory power to enforce pest management, then 'setting ambitious goals' is at the 'nice to have' end of the management goals spectrum.

Question 3

Please indicate how you feel about the following statement:

(Select one)

Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Please tell us why you chose this option (optional).

Response

Agree

Horizons Regional Council maintains a regional pest management plan as required by legislation and is currently reviewing it, which at least demonstrates the Council's actions in keeping pest management planning up to date. The fact that not all pests have been eradicated prevents Federated Farmers from 'Strong' agreement with the above statement.

Question 4

Imagine you are an occupier with pests spreading from an adjacent property.

How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on that property?

(Select one)

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not very important
- Not important at all
- Not sure

Please explain your choice.

Response

Management of pests that spread from adjacent properties is in the 'Very important' category for two main reasons, namely:

1) For containment/limitation/management of pest species that can damage indigenous ecosystems and NZ's critical primary production economy. Pest species don't respect property boundaries, and so everyone responsible for management of land should be obliged to manage pests that are identified in regional pest management plans as pests.

2) For legal compliance. Under the Biosecurity Act 1993, regional pest management plans must contain *Good Neighbour Rules* that require occupiers to manage pest spread to adjacent land. This emphasizes the importance having pest management rules that apply to neighbours - by making it a legal requirement.

Question 5

If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?

Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?

Response

50%. Regional councils hold the primary responsibility for the development, implementation, and enforcement of regional pest management plans (RPMPs) under the Biosecurity Act 1993, but legal responsibility for controlling pests on land lies with the landowners and occupiers. The councils provide regional leadership and set rules, while occupiers must comply. Horizons Regional Council must enforce the pest management rules fairly and equitably against all landowners and occupiers.

Question 6

How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?

(1 = Highest priority, 4 = lowest priority)

- Enforcement on occupiers
- Support and guidance for occupiers
- Education and awareness campaigns
- Funding or incentives for control

Response

1) Support and guidance for occupiers
2) Funding or incentives for control
3) Education and awareness campaigns
4) Enforcement on occupiers

While enforcement of regional pest management plans is important, it should nevertheless be the last resort. Enforcement is expensive and time consuming for all parties and often does not achieve the desired outcome in any event. The ideal situation would be that everyone knows what the pests are and understands that everyone is responsible for pest management and can get support and guidance about this, and then assistance with problems if they need it. (Education also plays a role, but from a pest management point of view, that is relatively 'low-hanging fruit').

Question 7

Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region:

(1 = Highest priority, 11 = lowest priority)

- Economic wellbeing
- The viability of threatened species of organisms
- The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
- The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity

- Soil resources
- Water quality
- Human health
- Social and cultural wellbeing
- The enjoyment of the recreational value of the natural environment
- The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
- Animal welfare

Response

The priority should be as follows (ranked in descending order of priority):

1) Economic wellbeing
2) Human health
3) Animal welfare
4) Water quality
5) Soil resources
6) The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
7) The viability of threatened species of organisms
8) The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
9) Social and cultural wellbeing
10) The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
11) The enjoyment of the recreational value of the natural environment

When it comes to pest management, the important reasons for managing pests are less to do with aesthetic, social or cultural values and more to do with avoiding impacts on peoples livelihoods (and protection of the environmental bottom lines that support those) – although everything is inextricably linked to some extent. Individuals tend not to care about what sort of weeds or bugs are in their garden unless they damage or squeeze out garden crops or domesticated animals/livestock, or sting or bite people. Pests in the wider environment must be managed by landowners who either have legal obligations to destroy invasive species, or are concerned about damage to commercial crops, land, property or natural resources etc. Otherwise, pests tend to only be managed by public agencies as resources permit or not managed at all.

Question 8

How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?

(Select one)

- Very concerned
- Moderately concerned
- A little concerned
- Not concerned
- Not sure

Please tell us why you chose this option (optional).

Response

Federated Farmers are moderately concerned about the impacts of pests for the following reasons:

1. Farmers want to play their part in managing pests and are concerned about laggards who don't do their part. Not merely from the point of view of unfairness but also from the point of view of collective responsibility.
2. There is a concern about ratepayer burden for enforcing pest management on landowners of non-rateable land. Rates make a significant portion of farm expenses and farmers are not a limitless source of ratepayer funds for the Council to enforce pest management. If ratepayer funds must be used to pursue tardy landowner pest management behaviour in situations where landowners do not pay rates, this needs to be prioritised/confined to acute pest management problems – to minimise the overall burden on ratepayers who are responsible pest managers, and the sanctions need to be severe.
3. Having noted that, there are a range of pressing issues for farmers, and while pest management is one of them, it would not always be right at the top of the list requiring priority attention, but it is nevertheless close to the top.

Question 9

Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?

(Select all that apply)

- Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region (exclusion)
- Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable (eradication)
- Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region (progressive containment)
- Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control (sustained control)
- Protecting high-value places and sites (site-led protection)
- Not sure

Response

The highest priorities for the Council should be working with Government to remove pests from specific areas where it's still achievable (eradication), followed closely by reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region (progressive containment). These are more likely to involve 'known quantities' than the other outcomes. Preventing high risk species from establishing could amount to a fair bit of wild goose chasing. Widespread pests such as grass grubs and German or Asian wasps need to be up to everyone to manage. Protection of high value sites should be left to the owners of those sites to manage.

Question 10

In your view, the property size threshold for the clear land and good neighbour rules should:

(Select one)

- Apply to smaller properties than it does now
- Stay about the same as it is now
- Apply only to larger properties than it does now
- Be removed entirely
- Not sure

Response

Stay about the same as it is now. There has not been enough evaluation of the success (or otherwise) of Horizons' pest management rules to justify changing the current 4ha property size threshold for triggering good neighbour rules.

Question 11

Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?

(Select one)

- Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size
- Funded only by properties covered by the rules
- A mix of general rates and targeted rates
- Not sure

Response

Pest management should be funded by all ratepayers, as pests do not respect locality or property size.

Question 12

Please tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded. For example, you could explain:

- Why you chose the property size threshold you did.
- Whether you think smaller properties should contribute to rule implementation, and why.
- Anything else we should consider regarding fairness, practicality, or local impacts.

Response

There has not been enough evaluation of the success (or otherwise) of Horizons' pest management rules to justify changing the current 4ha property size threshold for triggering good neighbour rules. There has been no assessment of the extra cost in time and resources it would take to administer the good neighbour rule on smaller sized land parcels.

Pest management should be funded by all ratepayers, as pests do not respect locality or property size.

Given that district councils may own a considerable cumulative area of land these organisations should be made to comply with the good neighbour rule, even for individual parcels of land that are smaller than 4ha that are owned and administered by councils. District councils have scalable resources and should be able to tackle responsible pest management on all their lands. Requiring district councils and other similar public agencies to do this also sends an appropriate message about public responsibility for being a Good Neighbour.

Question 13

How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?

(Select one)

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not very important
- Not important at all
- Don’t know

Response

Not very important. Compared to other local government organisations, Horizons do not own or manage much land. However, where Horizons do own land, they should manage feral animals on that land the same as any other landowner should. (But that is the reason it is not very important in the greater scheme of things). Having said that Horizons must administer their own Regional Pest Management Plan (which we are reading is a different topic).

Question 14

Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, pigs, cats, and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations?

(Select one)

- Definitely
- Maybe, depending on costs
- No
- Don’t know

Please explain your answer.

Response

Maybe, depending on the costs and the feral pests that are being encountered in any given locality. At present, we understand wallabies for instance are not a feral pest problem in Horizons Region – even though wallabies might become a problem one day. Where there are large flocks of Canada geese, these should be an eradication focus as this species can present a considerable pollution problem for freshwater habitats, many of which might be in ‘public’ or Crown ownership. As to whether feral cats should be controlled depends on the severity of their spread in any given location. Horizons should make sure landowners are aware of the need to manage feral cats and other feral pests. Horizons should make sure that the Department of Conservation manages feral pigs, goats and deer and cats on conservation estate land.

Question 15

Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?

(Select one)

- Definitely
- Maybe, depending on costs
- No
- Don’t know

Please explain your answer.

Response

No – not really. Horizons do not own much land where deer could be present. Feral deer should be managed by landowners, like the Department of Conservation.

Question 16

What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?

(Select all that apply)

- Protecting the environment and native species
- Protecting farmland and production values
- Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild
- Other (please specify)
- Don't know

Response

The focus should be on protecting farmland and production values, with the other foci as a close second. Deer are an introduced game animal, but when the spread of deer gets out of hand, they can become a feral nuisance, affecting farming productivity by jumping fences and stealing/eating food grown for farm animals. Most pest deer come from large tracts of land in private or public ownership where there is a habitat for feral deer to exploit (i.e. bush and scrubland). The owners of this land need to sensibly manage feral deer spread in ways of their choosing.

Question 17

Please help us to set priorities for Horizons' pest management work. Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?

(Select one)

- Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)
- Species affecting biodiversity values
- Species affecting recreational, social, or cultural values
- Other

(please specify)

Response

In an economic setting of rapid inflation in energy, fuel and fertiliser costs that we have experienced since the start of March 2026, species affecting economic values should receive most attention. When times get tough, you need to prioritise what is going to earn income, and not things that only make you feel good or are nice-to-haves that can only be afforded in times of relative affluence.

Question 18

Some of these issues are local, others are region wide. Which approach do you prefer? Any Horizons involvement would need to be funded through rates.

(Select one)

- Horizons lead most pest management work across the region

- Horizons support local communities to manage the pests in their areas
- Other

(please specify)

Response

As an agency primary responsible for enforcement of regional pest management, Horizons should support local communities to manage pests in their areas, with sanctions against particular landowners where pests become of significant threat to economic activity or to the environment. This is because a heavy handed approach may sometimes be necessary, but it should not be the default way of operating due to the enormous costs involved in legal action. Education and assistance are 'lower-hanging fruit' that help raise awareness about individual responsibility, with the Council only needing to act on critical flashpoints.

Question 19

For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.

- Horizons undertake direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
- Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowners
- Landowners manage pests themselves
- Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons
- Other

(please specify)

Response

For nuisance pests that are not yet under RPMP rules, landowners should manage pests themselves, with Horizons helping make landowners aware of emerging problems.

Forest & Bird

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30 April 2026

Submission on Horizons' Review of the 2017 Regional Pest Management Plan

To: Horizons Regional Council
Submitted via email to regionalpestmanagementplanreview@horizons.govt.nz

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Introduction

1. Forest & Bird is New Zealand's largest independent conservation organisation. Our mission is to protect New Zealand's flora and fauna. This submission is on behalf of Rangitīkei, Whanganui, Manawatū and Horowhenua Branches of Forest & Bird.
2. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Horizons Regional Council for its ongoing support of Forest & Bird regarding biosecurity and biodiversity protection. Bushy Park and our reserves in the Rangitīkei have greatly benefited from our relationship with council, for which we are very grateful.
3. We acknowledge the questions in the Discussion Document but as we are an organisation that covers the whole region, we found it easier to write our views, rather than fill in the survey.
4. Forest & Bird is a staunch supporter of biological control agents, and we congratulate Horizons on getting the gall mite for old man's beard, the wasp for Sydney golden wattle and the weevil and leaf beetle to control purple loosestrife. Beetles and rust have been released into one of Forest & Bird's reserves to control tradescantia. We hope these agents succeed in controlling the pests, so Horizons (and we) don't have to.

Submission

How the Plan is working currently

5. Regarding old man's beard, we note the two parts of the region where the infestations are thickest are in the Good Neighbour Process Zone, suggesting the Good Neighbour approaches in these areas aren't working. Old man's beard is proliferating down the Main Trunk Line rail and down SH1 road corridors. Clearly neither KiwiRail nor NZTA are prioritising their responsibility to be good neighbours. This is unfair on landowners who are doing the right thing.
6. Forest & Bird suggests either enforcement needs to happen or the settings tightened. This was also recommended in the evaluation of the RPMP:

   Similarly, the Good Neighbour Rule (GNR) approach is limited but the philosophy sound. Council does not have a strong emphasis on enforcement of rules. Increased of compliance using Biosecurity Act 1993 powers is suggested.[1]

7. Old man's beard continues to proliferate across Tararua District and down the Manawatū River corridor in particular. This is an issue Horizons should be dealing with directly as a Good Neighbour in its own right but no action has been taken that we're aware of. This is an embarrassing situation for the council (see Figure 1) and Horizons should be leading by example if it expects others to follow suit.

Figure 1: Old man's beard out of control down the Manawatū river corridor beside Hopelands Bridge, Tararua District. Photo taken 24 April 2026.

[1] Page 4. Evaluation of Horizons Regional Pest Management Plan.

What the Plan could do better

8. Regarding vertebrate pests, the RPMP could be a lot more ambitious. We acknowledge the tensions council is managing regarding resourcing and priority, however one just needs to look across the border down to Wellington to see how many more vertebrates they are tackling (Table 1). Forest & Bird considers it very important for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region.

Table 1: Extract from Greater Wellington's Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-39. Page 22.

Common name	Scientific name	Programme	Page
Animals			
European hedgehog	*Erinaceus europaeus occidentalis*	Site-led	61
Feral deer (fallow, red and sika)	*(Dama dama, Cervus elaphus, C. nippon)*	Site-led	62
Feral goat	*Capra hircus*	Site-led	63
Feral rabbit	*Oryctolagus cuniculus*	Sustained control	52
Magpie	*Gymnorhina tibicen, G. tibicen hypoleuca*	Site-led	65
Mustelids (ferret**, stoat and weasel)	*Mustela furo, M. erminea, M. nivalis*	Site-led	66
Pest cat	*Felis catus*	Site-led	68
Possum	*Trichosurus vulpecula*	Site-led	70
Rats (Norway and ship)	*Rattus norvegicus, R. rattus*	Site-led	73
Rook	*Corvus frugilegus*	Eradication	36
Wallabies (Bennett's and dama)	*Macropus rufogriseus, M. eugenii*	Exclusion	30
Wasps (common, German, Australian and Asian paper wasp)	*Vespula vulgaris, V. germanica, Polistes humilis, P. chinensis*	Sustained control	54

**Plants on the NPPA are unwanted organisms under the Biosecurity Act.*

***Unwanted organism (as declared by a chief technical officer) (section 164C of the Biosecurity Act).*

Include feral deer in the RPMP

9. Forest & Bird considers the inclusion of deer in the RPMP to be an upmost priority. Deer have been proliferating across the region at an alarming rate. Between 2019 and 2023, surveys at native forest remnant sites observed an increase in deer-related impacts across the region. Deer-related damage to ecosystems was observed at half of these sites in 2023, compared with just 14% of sites in 2019.[2] They are now venturing into backyards to strip peoples' fruit trees.[3] Furthermore, illegal releases are occurring in the region, for example the recent release of rusa into Retaruke.

[2] Page 47: Te Oranga o te Taiao State of the Environment – Horizons Region 2025
[3] https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/585043/wild-deer-wandering-the-streets-of-whanganui

10. Horizons can't afford to sit back and let deer proliferate unchecked. Council needs to take a proactive role in managing deer. We acknowledge there is a lack of alignment in policy framework (Biosecurity Act, Wild Animal Control Act) but we suggest that this could be worked through alongside the Department of Conservation given the recent increased effort being made in Ruahine Forest Park.[4]

11. Further to this, Horizons could also look at barriers to commercial harvest of deer, for example the brodifacoum buffer that currently prevents Wild Animal Recovery Operators from taking deer within a 2km radius of a bait station.[5] We are not suggesting that these bait stations should be removed, but using a different toxin adjacent to Ruahine Forest Park, for example, could remove a significant barrier to commercial operators in the Park.

12. Forest & Bird would support region-wide deer management. Nearly fifty deer have been shot in two of our reserves in the Turakina in the last twelve months. However, our properties are just pin pricks in a landscape full of deer. Fencing is expensive and not practical in many situations. Sustained, co-ordinated landscape-scale control would be the best approach to address this wicked problem.

13. To the best of our knowledge, there are at least five species of feral deer present in the Horizons region, rusa in the Retaruke, sika in Ruahine, sambar in the sand country but spreading up river valleys into the hills, fallow and reds widespread throughout the region. A nuanced approach to species management could be desirable. For example, rusa and sika for site-led but sambar, fallow and red for sustained control.

Include feral cats in the RPMP

14. Feral cats are widespread throughout New Zealand. The recent inclusion of feral cats into Predator Free 2050 is a great first step towards national acceptance of the impacts of this devastating predator. Socialising feral cat management via the RPMP would go a long way to being prepared for the Predator Free 2050 roll out.

15. Perhaps a first step could be site led control in public facing places, like Tōtara Reserve. This would be a great place to demonstrate best practice and educate the public about the impacts of feral cats.

16. Several territorial authorities in the Horizons Region have comprehensive bylaws, e.g. Ruapehu, Whanganui, Tararua and Palmerston North. However, these are just for managing owned cats, having an RPMP that defines a feral cat i.e. any cat without a microchip, would greatly support district councils to operationalise their bylaws.

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[4] https://blog.doc.govt.nz/2025/05/23/ruahine-forest-park-a-collaborative-path-to-restoration/
[5] https://www.thepost.co.nz/nz-news/360927896/new-zealand-fighting-losing-battle-against-deer-explosion

Include feral pigs and goats in the RPMP

17. Finally, feral pigs and goats are wreaking havoc in the hill country and in and around Ruahine Forest Park and Whanganui National Park. We acknowledge, like deer, these are tricky pests to manage. But, doing nothing leaves us in the situation we are in regarding deer, they spread everywhere. Currently the impacts of pigs and goats are greatest in a few places, these would be the places to target to prevent a regional disaster.

18. Thank you for considering our submission. Forest & Bird welcome any further discussions.

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Submission: Regional Pest Management Plan Review Discussion Document

Executive Summary

1. The New Zealand Game Animal Council (GAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on Horizons Regional Council's discussion document relating to the review of the Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP).
2. The GAC submission is limited to the parts of the discussion document and the four associated consultation questions that relate to game animal[1] management.
3. The GAC supports effective, evidence-based, and collaborative biosecurity management that protects environmental, economic, recreational, and cultural values across the Horizons Region.
4. The GAC supports the discussion document's emphasis on partnerships, community-led action, and adaptive approaches outside formal RPMP regulation where appropriate.
5. The GAC does not support game animals being broadly classified as pests within the RPMP framework. Game animals are a valued resource that requires active management to balance impacts and benefits.
6. The GAC encourages Horizons Regional Council to work with the hunting community, alongside catchment communities and landowners, as part of local game animal management responses.
7. The GAC recommends that Horizons Regional Council adopt targeted, place-based, and adaptive management approaches that recognise both the impacts and values associated with game animals.

New Zealand Game Animal Council

8. The GAC was established under the Game Animal Council Act 2013 and has statutory responsibilities, including advising the Minister on game animal management and hunting matters, providing advice to landowners, promoting safety initiatives,

[1] Game animals are defined in the GAC Act 2013 include deer, tahr, chamois and wild pigs.

improving hunting opportunities, liaising with stakeholders, and raising awareness of the views of the hunting sector.

9. The GAC represents the hunting sector, including recreational hunters, commercial hunting interests, guides, and others involved in hunting and game animal management across New Zealand.

Game animals and deer management

10. The Horizons Region contains several highly valued game animal populations, including pigs and sambar, sika, red and fallow deer. Many of these herds are highly valued by local hunters, landowners, and rural communities.
11. Effective game animal management can provide recreational, cultural, economic, food harvesting, hunter stewardship, and environmental, biodiversity and biosecurity benefits and outcomes.
12. The GAC does not support broad-scale approaches that simply treat game animals as pests requiring blanket suppression. Instead, management should be targeted, evidence-based, and proportionate to both the demonstrated impacts and the value that game animals provide to communities.
13. Broad-scale contracted management programmes are unlikely to be practical or cost-effective across all parts of the region. The GAC recommends that Horizons prioritise improving coordination among hunters, hunting organisations, landowners, catchment communities, and local councils.
14. In many areas, game animal management challenges are less about hunter participation and more about access, coordination, and connecting willing hunters with landowners and catchment communities.
15. The GAC has a range of tools, resources and game animal management expertise that can support Horizons Regional Council with game animal management across the region.
16. GAC tools, including a Landowner Toolbox, HuntLink, Better Hunting, and Hunt and Share, provide practical mechanisms to improve access, coordination, hunter education, stewardship, food donation, and locally led game animal management outcomes.
17. The GAC Landowner Toolbox has been developed to support practical and collaborative game animal management between landowners and hunters by improving communication, supporting safe and accountable hunting activity, and helping coordinate local management responses.

Recreational hunters and community contribution

18. Recreational hunters provide significant voluntary contributions toward game animal management and broader environmental outcomes across the Horizons Region and wider New Zealand.

19. These contributions include a harvest of ~260,000 deer annually across New Zealand, running local game animal management initiatives, habitat and facility stewardship, and supporting community wellbeing and food security.
20. The GAC encourages Horizons Regional Council to work with the hunting community, alongside catchment communities and landowners, as part of local deer management responses.
21. This may include improving hunting access, engaging with local hunting clubs, such as the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association, working directly with responsible local hunters, and using GAC tools and resources.

Conclusion

22. The GAC supports balanced, evidence-based, and adaptive approaches that recognise both the impacts and values associated with deer within the Horizons Region.
23. Recreational hunters are an important part of the solution to managing game animal impacts, particularly where access, coordination, and local partnerships can be improved.
24. The GAC encourages Horizons Regional Council to avoid broadly classifying game animals as pests and instead work closely with hunters, landowners, iwi and hapū, and catchment communities to support practical, locally led, and cost-effective management outcomes.
25. The GAC appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback and would welcome ongoing engagement as the RPMP review progresses.

If you have any queries relating to this submission, please contact me at [redacted]

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Kāpiti Coast District Council Submission to the Regional Pest Management Plan Review

1. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on Horizons Regional Council's review of the Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP).
2. Kāpiti Coast District neighbours the Horizons Region. It shares a northern boundary with Horizons and is affected by many of the same invasive species. Our district is also exposed to similar risks from future pest incursions. Council therefore believes it is imperative that regional pest management plans take an ecological catchment approach, irrespective of administrative boundaries, with neighbouring regional and territorial authorities working together to respond effectively to current and future pest threats.
3. We appreciate the need for Horizons to determine clear priorities as you review the RPMP. This submission does not directly address all the survey questions posed in the discussion document, however we wish to highlight several priority groups/species for your consideration in determining these priorities, and note that how you will work to develop and deliver the RPMP will be an important consideration as well.

Priorities for including in the RPMP

Marine and Coastal threats

4. Prevailing winds and currents mean that threats and incursions along the marine and coastal areas of the west coast of central North Island are likely to also impact the Kāpiti Coast.
5. Historically there has been no marine plan for the Greater Wellington Region. This is now being developed, reflecting increasing awareness of invasive species arriving from the marine environment. Council would welcome the development of a RPMP which includes awareness of invasive marine species, as well as terrestrial species which are capable of

transferring in from elsewhere, such as Sea Spurge (*Euphorbia paralias*), or by dispersal along the coastline on ocean currents, such as *Phragmites karka*.

Freshwater threats

6. Invasive freshwater fish species are becoming more recognised as a threat throughout New Zealand. Species such as (Mosquito fish) *Gambusia affinus* and Brown Bullhead Catfish *(Ameiurus nebulosus)* are found in surrounding regions and are a significant threat to native species in our waterways.

Freshwater plant and algae species

7. Council supports the management and control of *Phragmites karka* along waterways and coastal systems by Horizons, while acknowledging the cost and environmental challenges of the work. Live Phragmites material is regularly found on Kāpiti beaches after floods and is a significant threat to the region and our district.

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Historical reporting

From a report dated March 2011 (commissioned on behalf of Horizon's council), there was no identification of any Phragmites karka although other invasive exotic species were identified.[2] The goal at this time was "A waterway clear of aquatic pest plants, with a clear passage for fish between Wairarawa Lagoons and the sea. Sedge/flax/shrubland between 50 cm and 3 m tall on the banks."[3]

A 2016 report[4] also did not identify the presence of Phragmites karka however confirmed at that time the stream was used for whitebaiting – this is no longer the case.

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[1] Wildland Consultants Ltd, *Restoration Plan for Waitarere Sand Dunes and Wairarawa Stream: Contract Report No. 2548*, March 2011, P3 & 4
[2] Wildland Consultants Ltd, *Restoration Plan for Waitarere Sand Dunes and Wairarawa Stream: Contract Report No. 2548*, March 2011, P8 & 9
[3] Wildland Consultants Ltd, *Restoration Plan for Waitarere Sand Dunes and Wairarawa Stream: Contract Report No. 2548*, March 2011, P25
[4] Barry Robertson and Leigh Stevens, Wriggle Ltd, *Manawatu-Wanganui Region Estuaries: Habitat Mapping Vulnerability Assessment and Monitoring Recommendations Related to Issues of Eutrophication and Sedimentation (Horizons Report 2016/EXT/1500)*, September 2016

The recommendation in regard to eutrophication and sedimentation was "that any ongoing monitoring be limited to low frequency (once every 10 years), screening level (synoptic) monitoring only, to confirm that low-moderate risk estuaries have not changed their risk rating."[5]

A further report from May 2025[6] shows the risk rating for Waiwarara stream:

Estuary Name	Coast	Size (ha)	Ecological Values	Pressures	Susceptibility	Condition
Wairarawa	West	0.4	0.346	0.474	0.509	0.757

This result is interpreted as:

Ecological Value "poor" (≥0.2 to <0.4)

Pressures "moderate" (≥0.4 to <0.6)

Susceptibility "moderate" (≥0.4 to <0.6)

Condition "good" (≥0.6 to <0.8)

Plew (2024) evaluated the estuary's flushing and dilution potential, assessing the estuary as unlikely to form phytoplankton or macroalgal blooms. However, in contrast to the modelled outputs, imagery shows periodic blooms where the estuary exits the dunes and significant overgrowth of aquatic weeds (e.g., water celery). Aquatic weeds can slow down water movement promoting algal growth and inhibiting the ability for fish to migrate upstream (Todd et al. 2016). The estuary is not classified as a Site of Significance but it supports important bird and fish species are listed in Table W21.1 (Todd et al. 2016).[7]

The issue[8]

- Phragmites karka (tall reed) is a highly invasive and difficult-to-control weed in New Zealand; origin and arrival date unknown.
- First identified in NZ in 2006 (Rangitīkei River); later found in Auckland (2011) and Feilding (2020), where it was initially misidentified.
- Now widespread across parts of the Manawatū-Whanganui, Horowhenua, Kāpiti Coast, and recently Himatangi Beach (2025), likely spread by floodwaters.
- Spreads easily via small fragments of reeds, stolons, and rhizomes; fragments transported by water establish new colonies.
- Forms dense monocultures with extensive underground rhizome systems, making control extremely difficult.

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[5] Barry Robertson and Leigh Stevens, Wriggle Ltd, *Manawatu-Wanganui Region Estuaries: Habitat Mapping Vulnerability Assessment and Monitoring Recommendations Related to Issues of Eutrophication and Sedimentation (Horizons Report 2016/EXT/1500)*, September 2016, P32

[6] Keryn Roberts, Leigh Stevens, & Barrie Forrest, *Estuary contaminant load assessment stage 1: Ecological vulnerability assessment of Horizons estuaries (Report No. 2026/EXT/2009)*, May 2025

[7] Keryn Roberts, Leigh Stevens, & Barrie Forrest, *Estuary contaminant load assessment stage 1: Ecological vulnerability assessment of Horizons estuaries (Report No. 2026/EXT/2009)*, May 2025, P83

[8] Barry Scott, *Phragmites karka: A monumental failure in weed pest management and control in the Manawatu-Whanganui region*, July 2025

- Growth characteristics:

    - Tall perennial grass (up to ~4 m) with woody stems (culms)
    - Extensive surface stolons (4–8 m spread)
    - Thick rhizomes (up to wrist-sized), growing up to 6 m/year underground
    - Evergreen (unlike related P. australis)

- Identification features:
    - Smooth, shiny stems
    - Short ligule hairs
    - Differences in spikelet structure from similar species
    - Often confused with bamboo or Arundo donax
- Primarily spreads vegetatively (clonal); little evidence of viable seed production in NZ so far.
- Potential risk: if climate change enables viable seed production, spread could become unmanageable.
- Also spread by human activity (machinery, planting as "bamboo"), contributing to its expansion beyond waterways.
- Represents a major threat to native wetlands and ecosystems, outcompeting native species for space, water, and nutrients.

Control[9]

- Haloxyfop (cut-and-inject) is the most effective method identified to date for controlling *P. karka*.
- Higher herbicide concentrations significantly improve effectiveness, particularly in dense infestations.
- Multiple treatments are required to achieve strong suppression; single treatments are insufficient for long-term control.
- Herbicide is partially translocated through rhizomes, killing nearby nodes but not the entire underground network.
- Regrowth remains likely, as distant rhizome sections retain viable growth points.
- Dense stands respond better to treatment than sparse patches, where regrowth is more common.
- Younger shoots are more susceptible to herbicide than mature stems, making timing of application important.
- Treatment effectiveness depends on accurate application (e.g. correct cutting point and herbicide placement).
- The method is labour-intensive, limiting scalability despite its effectiveness.
- Adaptive techniques (e.g. injection methods for smaller stems) improve treatment coverage and efficiency.
- Ongoing monitoring and repeat intervention are essential to maintain control and prevent reinfestation.

[9] Barry Scott, Phragmites karka: A monumental failure in weed pest management and control in the Manawatu-Whanganui region, July 2025

- Overall, complete eradication is difficult; current best practice is targeted, repeated suppression rather than one-off treatment.

Current situation

The infestation in the Wairarawa stream in Waitārere is currently confined to relatively small area, however the impact is severe as the waterway is small – and it is increasing.

This is the only waterway at the beach, and therefore of significant importance to the community.

It is very close to housing alongside the stream and has been identified as now growing into the back section of 7 Somerset Grove. The author is unsure if the "Good neighbour rule" would apply here.

Rhizomes can grow up to six metres a year underground, sending up new reeds and forming big clumps.

Submissions

Key Issue: Insufficient Control and Escalating Spread

The community's experience is that:

- *Phragmites karka* is continuing to spread across coastal margins, wetlands, and drainage areas
- Existing control efforts are sporadic, inconsistent, and insufficiently resourced
- Once established, the species is extremely difficult and costly to eradicate or contain
- There is a lack of clear accountability and coordinated response

This aligns with the discussion document's recognition that some pest programmes are **not meeting their goals due to insufficient funding and increasing spread** .

Without a step change in approach, the species risks becoming widely established, shifting it into a sustained control scenario where outcomes are more costly and less effective.

Impacts on Values

Consistent with the Biosecurity Act criteria outlined in the discussion document, *Phragmites karka* is adversely impacting multiple regional values:

Environmental and Ecosystem Impacts

- Displacement of native vegetation in wetlands and coastal ecosystems
- Reduction in biodiversity and habitat quality

- Alteration of natural hydrology and ecological processes

Waterway and Drainage Impacts

- Obstruction of drains and waterways
- Increased flood risk and reduced drainage efficiency
- Ongoing maintenance burdens on landowners and councils

Social and Community Impacts

- Reduced amenity and access in coastal and recreational areas
- Frustration within the community due to perceived lack of action
- Erosion of confidence in biosecurity management

These impacts directly align with the values identified in the consultation document, particularly water quality, ecosystem sustainability, and social wellbeing .

Need for Clearer Direction and Prioritisation

The Association considers that the current approach lacks:

- Clear regional prioritisation of *Phragmites karka*
- A defined management objective (eradication vs containment vs sustained control)
- A coordinated, landscape-scale response
- Transparent communication on what success looks like and how it will be achieved

As highlighted in the document, effective pest management requires clear regional leadership and coordinated action across communities and agencies . This is currently not being realised for this species.

Recommendation: Formal Recognition within the RPMP Framework

We request that Horizons:

Assess Inclusion or Reclassification

Undertake a formal assessment of *Phragmites karka* for:

- Inclusion in the **Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP)**, or
- Reclassification to a **higher priority management programme** (e.g. progressive containment or site-led protection)

This would ensure the species is managed under a structured, enforceable, and adequately resourced framework.

Prioritise Resourcing

We strongly recommend that:

- Dedicated funding is allocated to *Phragmites karka* control
- Resourcing reflects the scale and urgency of the issue, not just historic allocations
- Investment is made early, recognising that early intervention is more cost-effective than managing widespread infestation (as highlighted in the pest infestation curve)

Implement a Coordinated Regional Response

This should include:

- A clear management strategy for the species
- Defined roles between Horizons, territorial authorities, and landowners
- Targeted coastal and waterway programmes
- Improved monitoring, mapping, and reporting

Strengthen Community Partnership

Given the strong local concern and willingness to engage:

- Support community-led efforts with guidance, tools, and co-funding
- Provide clear communication on how communities can assist
- Recognise Waitārere Beach as a priority area for intervention

Alignment with Strategic Approach

The proposed changes are consistent with Horizons' intention to develop a broader biosecurity strategic approach to:

- Better prioritise issues
- Respond to emerging concerns
- Strengthen regional coordination

Phragmites karka represents a clear case where this approach should be applied.

The association submits the limited size of area at the Wairawara stream provides an excellent opportunity to test and monitor the Haloxyfop (cut-and-inject) eradication method before the problem gets any larger.

Conclusion

In summary, the Waitārere Beach Progressive Association considers that:

- *Phragmites karka* is an escalating and under-managed threat
- Current approaches are not sufficient to control its spread or impacts
- There is a clear need for increased prioritisation, resourcing, and coordinated action

We urge Horizons Regional Council to take a proactive and strategic approach now to avoid significantly greater costs and impacts in the future.

The association request speaking in regard to this submission.

Horizons Regional Council Regional Pest Management Plan Submission

WRITEN SUBMISSION TO THE Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council

BY THE WELLINGTON FISH & GAME COUNCIL

April 2026

Fish & Game New Zealand

1. Fish & Game is a statutory entity established by Parliament under the Conservation Act 1987 to manage, maintain, and enhance sports fish and game birds and their habitats throughout the country.
2. Fish & Game staff are committed, professional, and experts in their fields. Its scientists are graduates of a range of relevant disciplines and many hold qualifications to doctorate level.
3. While Fish & Game works at a local level, it coordinates its national capability to achieve robust, scientific outcomes across Aotearoa New Zealand.
4. By fulfilling its legal obligations, Fish & Game has become one of this country's leading environmental organisations which actively works on protecting and restoring sports fish and game bird habitat across the country for over 30 years.
5. For Wairarapa Moana in 1984, this saw the Wellington Acclimatisation Society, the Council of North Island Acclimatisation Societies and the National Executive of the New Zealand Acclimatisation Societies (the forerunner to Fish & Game), on behalf of all New Zealanders, begin the process that secured the National Water Conservation (Lake Wairarapa) Order 1989[1] to protect the outstanding recreational and wildlife habitat features of the rohe. This action, driven and financed by the New Zealand waterfowling community, ensured the protection of Lake Wairarapa and the eastern wetlands forever.

The Wellington Fish & Game Council

6. The Wellington Fish & Game Council (WFGC) is an autonomous elected statutory council, elected by sports fish and game bird licence holders. Regional Fish & Game councils are public entities under the Schedule 4 of the Public Finance Act 1989.
7. All regional Fish & Game councils have statutory functions under the Conservation Act 1987 and Wildlife Act 1953 with respect to sports fish and game bird resources and their management. With respect to sports fish, regional Fish & Game councils' responsibilities are:

   Section 26P – (1) There is hereby established for the purposes of the management, maintenance, and enhancement of sports fish and game a Fish and Game council for each region defined by the Minister under section 26A(1)(c).

8. Sports fish are defined in Schedule 1 of the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983 which is a regulatory instrument issued under the Conservation Act 1987:

[1] https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/1989/0051/latest/DLM129362.html

For the purposes of the Act and these regulations, sports fish means—

Brown trout (*Salmo trutta*)
Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*, formerly known as *Salmo gairdneri*)
American brook trout or char (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)
Lake trout or char (*Salvelinus namaycush*)
Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)
Quinnat or chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)
Sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*)
Perch (*Perca fluviatilis*)
Tench (*Tinca tinca*)

and includes any hybrid and the young, fry, ova, and spawn, and any part of any such fish; but does not include salmon preserved in cans and imported into New Zealand. It should be noted that a number of species often referred to as "pest fish" are sports fish under the Act and the exclusive management responsibility of Fish & Game. This fact is often overlooked.

9. Thus, regional Fish & Game councils are the statutory agencies responsible for the management, maintenance, and enhancement of sports fish and game birds. Note that this is a species responsibility. The Department of Conservation has similar responsibilities for indigenous freshwater fish.

10. Within some agencies, there appears to be a misunderstanding between sports fish and sports fisheries. Sports fish are a living species, existing in most places in New Zealand, and with management responsibilities delegated to regional Fish & Game councils. A fishery is an area of a catchment, or multiple catchments, that is used for or supports recreational fishing across the full lifecycle of the fish. The legislation and regulations relate to fish, not fisheries.

11. Regardless of whether there is any access to the site for public fishing, responsibilities for the statutory management of sports fish remain under regional Fish & Game council jurisdiction.

12. Game birds are defined in Schedule 1 of the Wildlife Act 1953 and include:

Black Swan (*Cygnus atratus*)
Grey duck (*Anas superciliosa*)
Mallard duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*)
Paradise duck (*Tadorna variegata*)
Spoonbill duck (*Anas rhynchotis*)
Pukeko (*Porphyrio melanotus*)
Chukar (*Alectoris chukar*)
Red legged partridge (*Alectoris rufa rufa*)
Pheasant (*Phasianus* spp.)
Australian or brown quail (*Coturnix ypsilophora*)
Californian quail (*Callipepla californica*)
Virginian or bobwhite quail (*Colinus virginianus*)

13. The impacts introduced mammalian predators have had on terrestrial indigenous fauna are well documented with a weight of evidence to support these impacts.

14. The nationwide impacts of introduced aquatic vertebrates (including sports fish) are less clear with only one native fish becoming nationally extinct since these introductions over 150 years ago. The impacts of habitat loss and land use change on the range restrictions and population reductions on native species are not often considered in these instances.

15. WFGC's rohe encompasses the area just north of Waiouru, across to Norsewood to the east, from north of Waiouru across to south of Turakina on the west, and south to Cook Strait. It includes four large river catchments: the Rangitikei, Manawatu, Ruamahanga, and Hutt which provide a diverse range of hunting and angling opportunities.

16. WFGC directly represents approximately 8000 licence holders annually who value the cultural traditions of trout fishing and game bird hunting, legitimate pursuits which have tightly interwoven themselves into the fabric of our country over more than a century. These New Zealanders regularly connect with nature through their angling and hunting pursuits and recognise the value of freshwater and wild habitats.

Existing legislation

17. The Discussion Document correctly states that Horizons is "*bound by legislation*" and the "*approach is consistent with legislation*" when deciding whether a species can be included in the RPMP.

18. Sports fish and game birds are already defined by legislation (Points 8 and 12 above) though have been incorrectly classified as pests by some regional councils and the Ministry for Primary Industries in some working papers.

19. Horizons Regional Council has also publicly challenged the value and classification of sports fish in the region[2].

20. Nonetheless, WFGC would like it made clear that the definition of pest species in the Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP) needs to specifically exclude sports fish and game birds noting the Supreme Court ruling "*that the pretended power of suspending of laws, or the execution of laws, by regal authority, without consent of Parliament, is illegal*"[3]

Valued Introduced Species

21. Sports fish including Brown trout (*Salmo trutta*), arrived in New Zealand over 150 years ago and have since woven themselves into the country's cultural and ecological fabric. With their superior requirements for clean and abundant fresh water, sports fish and their habitats are formally protected under New Zealand legislation which has played a key role in the protection of New Zealand's waterways and rivers for all riverine fishes. Other freshwater fish however have proven less benign: examples include in specific

[2] "*Fish and Game clashes with Horizons over balance between trout and native fish*" April 12, 2018
[3] *Fitzgerald v Muldoon and Others* [1976] 2 NZLR 615 at 616.

instances where koi and bullhead catfish/mosquito fish deserve pest status due to the actual risk they pose indigenous biodiversity more broadly.

22. While the introduction of over 70 terrestrial vertebrates has had a devastating impact on New Zealand's national bio distinctiveness, the impact of 20 freshwater fish introduced to our streams, rivers and lakes is less pronounced. Compared to the 43 terrestrial extinctions since human colonisation, including widespread deforestation, only one native fish, the grayling (*Prototroctes oxyrhynchus*) has become nationally extinct.

23. There is now a growing body of evidence that some of these introduced, whilst controversial species, are playing key roles in supporting native species and protecting native fish species (Kavermann et al 2021, Stewart et al 2024[4]).

24. Despite this fact, some nativists continue to actively persecute sports fish with the ideological belief that simply removing sports fish from aquatic systems will restore native aquatic communities to pre-human states. This view negates or simply ignores the major drivers of native fish population declines, the impacts of habitat loss and land-use intensification which have been far more catastrophic for our indigenous fish fauna, but which cannot be managed under the Biosecurity Act[5]. A growing body of research is showing that habitat protection is the most essential factor to provide for both indigenous and valued introduced species such as trout, as well as to mitigate negative impacts such as competition for resources, extreme flooding events and climate change. Instead, these naive approaches towards highly complex ecological communities have had catastrophic impacts to native fish assemblages as 150 years of ecological and evolutionary coexistence is undone.

25. Similarly, this isn't to say that sports fish don't have any impact on some native fish populations. Latest research by (see Coughlan 2022[6]) shows populations of highly vulnerable native species will likely be negatively impacted by trout predation. Coughlan (2022) states that this occurs in a small fraction of the country's entire flowing waterways – 10 per cent – and where this overlap is not favourable towards the indigenous fish community, we acknowledge it, we collaborate with other parties, and we intervene to exclude trout to protect the native species. This has been carried out effectively and collaboratively with regional councils in numerous site-specific locations around the country.

Economic values of recreational introduced species

26. It must be noted that a considerable of amount of expenditure is returned to the New Zealand environment in the form of habitat restoration for, and scientific studies of recreational introduced species.

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[4] Multiple lines of evidence suggest that de-stocking predatory trout from a lake will release competition and drive native kōaro to extinction - Fish Futures

[5] (PDF) Decline in New Zealand's freshwater fish fauna: effect of land use | Mike Joy - Academia.edu

[6] Coughlan, A. (2022) Risk assessment and mitigations of the potential impacts of trout predation on New Zealand's indigenous fish species. Massey University, Palmerston North: 92.

27. The economic value of introduced freshwater fish is very significant. The recently completed New Zealand Institute of Economic Research report assessed the economic contribution and wellbeing benefits of recreational freshwater angling in New Zealand. The report estimates that domestic and international Fish & Game licence holders spend a total of $113 million to $139 million per year across their angling trips. This results in a total (direct and indirect) output of $96 million to $118 million, $66 million to $81 million of value added (GDP) and supports 952 to 1,168 jobs across the country. The report also found evidence that freshwater angling enhances physical and mental health outcomes and is part of a cluster of physical recreational activities in which anglers participate, such as hiking, kayaking and swimming, to name a few.

28. The value of game birds alone is likely to be in the range of $30 million per annum. Much like trout, red deer, first brought to New Zealand from Britain in 1854, are also an international bucket-list species and there exists a substantial market for guided hunting expeditions on public and private land. Big game hunters expenditure has been calculated at $3600 per annum with hunters spending about 9% of New Zealand mean annual personal income in 2011–2012 on this sport (Kerr & Abell, 2014, Big game hunting in New Zealand: per capita effort, harvest and expenditure in 2011–2012, New Zealand Journal of Zoology, 41:2). Gamebird hunters expenditure has not been calculated however anecdotal evidence would suggest that financial investments are similar for this recreational pursuit.

Integrated Management

29. International and national research is increasingly calling for a changing approach to managing our modern biodiversity, which accounts for the role of introduced and indigenous species alike in an ecosystem.

30. Papers published in significant conservation journals are calling for a re-evaluation of the potential conservation value of non-native species and the overarching conceptual dynamic regarding introduced and indigenous species (see: Schlaepfer, Sax & Olden, 'The Potential Conservation Value of Non-Native Species', Conservation Biology, 2011, 25:11, 428-437, Carroll, 'Conciliation biology: the eco-evolutionary management of permanently invaded biotic systems', Evolutionary Applications, 2011, 4:2, 184-199).

31. Research suggests we need to re-evaluate the way we view introduced species and their role in our biodiversity. Fish & Game supports this view and believe that research of this ilk should aid the management strategies the RPMS implements.

Conclusions

32. We must begin to focus on the future of our environment and the constantly evolving environmental challenges that it faces. Greater native biodiversity can be achieved without eradicating those introduced species which directly or indirectly provide value and that Fish & Game has a mandate to manage on behalf of all New Zealanders.

33. The WFGC agree that many introduced species are so destructive to New Zealand's indigenous biodiversity that ongoing management or eradication is the only acceptable option. In most instances, this is not the case for sport fish and gamebirds. However, any management or eradication operation must be underpinned by sound science and social acceptance. These operations must be monitored to ensure that the desired outcomes are delivered and unexpected consequences do not negatively impact on the broader ecosystem and its inhabitants.

34. We seek to emphasise the value that New Zealanders get from introduced sports fish and game birds and ensure that this is adequately recognised in the NZBS. This value stems from three main areas including:

    a. Ecological value.
    b. Recreational and social value.
    c. Economic value.

35. Discussions concerning biodiversity need to have a more nuanced take on the complex position of highly valued introduced species in our environment. These species are a part of New Zealand's biodiversity. Introduced should not be immediately equated with detrimental, although the value and contribution to New Zealand's biodiversity must be demonstrated. By acknowledging both positive and negative impacts of introduced species a more appropriate conclusion can be drawn on their futures in our biodiversity strategy.

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Puka tono | Submission form

Make your way through the survey to answer questions about Horizons Regional Councils biosecurity discussion document & the approach to biosecurity in the Horizons Region. **You have until 30 April 2026 to make a submission.** Drop this form at one of our service centres once completed.

The information you need to make a submission can be found online at https://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz/rpmp, or in physical form at our service centres.

Contact details

Name Required

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Select one answer only
○ Horowhenua
○ Manawatū
○ Rangitīkei
○ Palmerston North City
○ Tararua
☑ Whanganui City
○ Ruapehu
○ Other

1) Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?

Select one answer only
◯ Focus should be on preventing pests from arriving.
◯ Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here.
◯ Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities.
✓ All of the above.

Please explain your choice.

Enforce local cat & dog bylaws.

2) When setting pest management goals in the RPMP please rank the following in order of priority. Regional Pest Management Plan

1 = Highest priority, 5 = lowest priority. Please rank all options.

Select 5 answers	
3	Being realistic about funding and delivery
1	Achieving measurable results
2	Protecting the most important places and values
5	Setting ambitious long-term goals
4	Flexibility to adapt over time

3) Please indicate how you feel about this statement: Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area.

Select one answer only
◯ Strongly agree
◯ Agree
◯ Neither agree nor disagree
✓ Disagree
◯ Strongly agree
◯ Don't know

Please explain your choice.

Cats should be confined to owners property.

4) Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?

Select one answer only
✓ Very important
◯ Somewhat important
◯ Not very important
◯ Not important at all
◯ Not sure.

Please explain your choice.

Catching birds!
Fouling property.
Digging in garden.

5) If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?

Write a number between 0 and 100
0 %

Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?

- Occupiers must control own pets
- Regional Council must strongly enforce the rules.

6) How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?

1 = Highest priority, 4 = lowest priority. Please rank all options.

Select 4 answers	
1	Enforcement on occupiers
4	Support and guidance for occupiers
3	Education and awareness campaigns
2	Funding or incentives for control

7) Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region.

1 = Highest priority, 11 = lowest priority. Please rank all options.

Select 11 answers	
8	Economic wellbeing
9	The viability of threatened species of organisms
10	The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals
7	The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity
6	Soil resources
2	Water quality
1	Human health
3	Social and cultural wellbeing
4	The enjoyment of the recreation value of the natural environment
11	The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga
5	Animal welfare

8) How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values?

Select one answer only
☑ Very concerned
○ Moderately concerned
○ A little concerned
○ Not concerned
○ Not sure

Please tell us why you chose this option.

Want my property for my use only and to look after the wild birds that need help from time to time.

9) Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP?

Select all that apply.

Select all that apply	
☐	Exclusion: Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region.
☑	Eradication: Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable.
☑	Progressive containment: Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region.
☑	Sustained control: Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control.
☐	Site-led protection: Protecting high-value places and sites.
☐	Not sure.

10) In your view, the property size threshold for the 'clear land' and 'good neighbour' rules should...

Select one answer only	
◉	Apply to smaller properties than it does now
◉	Stay about the same as it is now
○	Apply only to larger properties than it does now
○	Be removed entirely
○	Not sure

11) Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take?

Select one answer only
✓ Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size
○ Funded only by properties covered by the rules
○ A mix of general rates and targeted rates
○ Not sure

12) Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.

For example, you could explain: why you chose the property size threshold you did; whether you think smaller properties should contribute to rule implementation, and why, and; anything else we should consider regarding fairness, practicality, or local impacts.

Town section and lifestyle blocks.

13) How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?

Select one answer only
✓ Very important
○ Somewhat important
○ Not very important
○ Not important at all
○ Don't know

14) Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.

Select one answer only
○ Definitely
✓ Maybe, depends on costs
○ No
○ Don't know

Please explain your answer to the last question.

15) Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?

Select one answer only
◯ Definitely
◯ Maybe, depending on costs
✓ No
◯ Don't know

Please explain your answer to the last question.

Open up land to deer stalker.
Charities distribute deer meat.

16) What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?

Select all that apply
☐ Protecting the environment and native species
☐ Protecting farmland and production values
☑ Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild
☐ Don't know
☐ Other (please specify)

17) Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?

Select one answer only
◯ Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)
◯ Species affecting biodiversity values
◯ Species affecting recreational, social, or cultural values
◯ Other (please specify)
Stray cats!

18) Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?

Any Horizons involvement would need to be funded through rates.

Select one answer only
◯ Horizons leads most pest management work across the region
◯ Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas
◯ Other (please specify)
Is Horizon staff going to manage cats in the city & countryside?

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Horizons needs to work with whole community.

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- I have found this survey very detailed & involved!
- What I want is cats managed in my city area!

ERNSLAW ONE LIMITED

RPMP Review Team
Horizons Regional Council
RegionalPestManagementPlanReview@horizons.govt.nz

15 May 2026

To whom it may concern,

Re. Ernslaw One submission to Regional Pest Management Strategy Discussion Document

As the primary occupier of the Karioi Forest Zone (p50 of the current RPMP), and the land owner/manager of a forestry holdings across the region, Ernslaw is both a responsibility holder under the Regional Pest Management Plan, and a beneficiary of it.

We appreciate the generous opportunity to feed into the ongoing evolution of the plan – we agree that the dynamics of pest management are fluctuating and all parties with responsibilities are only too aware of this. Ernslaw is supportive of plan adaptations that keep the focus in step with changing climate and environmental conditions, emerging pests, geographically shifting incursions, and new techniques for management and control.

Accordingly, please find attached our response to the Horizons discussion document. We look forward to further updates and opportunities to participate in the plan review process.

Naku noa, na

[redacted]

Steve Couper
Regional Manager
Southern North Island

Puka tono | Submission form

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○ Rangitīkei
○ Palmerston North City
○ Tararua
○ Whanganui
○ Ruapehu
✓ Other
All of the above

1) Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view?

Select one answer only
○ Focus should be on preventing pests from arriving.
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○ Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities.
☑ All of the above.

Please explain your choice.

Narrowly focussing on one workstream will be at the cost of others.

All of the above pathways must be balanced with scale to existing + emerging pests; whether pests are on private/public land etc everyone is part of the solution.

2) When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority.

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Select one answer only
○ Strongly agree
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Please explain your choice.

Horizons have been pragmatic in many facets of regional pest control attending meeting, deplying resources / funding across area's of the region.

4) Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?

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Pest control is for all land owners and land managers to be responsible for. If pests are moving to a new food source on neighbouring land, a shifting problem needs a shifting solution.

5) If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all the control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be?

Write a number between 0 and 100
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Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?

There will be many landowners who are able to manage pests through private contracts or at least independently. A downside of the independence however is the lack of transparency.

6) How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches?

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Please tell us why you chose this option.

Pest species undermine habitats, eco-systems and landscapes with a cost for natural, social, cultural and economic values. If not managed all of these costs will be very high, hence the high level of concern.

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Select all that apply.

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12) Tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded.

For example, you could explain: why you chose the property size threshold you did; whether you think smaller properties should contribute to rule implementation, and why, and; anything else we should consider regarding fairness, practicality, or local impacts.

With national funding mechanisms having been removed / reduced, problems have only grown in size and scale. There is an obvious public good to justify the wider funding source. Targeted rates correlating to problem areas is a sensible option for more intensive programme needs.

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14) Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, cats, pigs and Canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations.

Select one answer only
○ Definitely
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Please explain your answer to the last question.

Hunting is a valued public good. However many reserves are not subject to hunting and will require managed feral pest population control eg. helicopter culling.

15) Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?

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○ No
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Please explain your answer to the last question.

This should be assessed on a case by case situation, particularly if browsing damage is severe and recreational hunting is not enough to manage the problem.

16) What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?

Select all that apply
[1] Protecting the environment and native species
[2] Protecting farmland and production values
[3] Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild
[ ] Don't know
[4] Other (please specify)
A balancing of the above.

17) Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?

Select one answer only
(2) Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)
(1) Species affecting biodiversity values
(3) Species affecting recreational, social, or cultural values
◯ Other (please specify)

18) Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?

Any Horizons involvement would need to be funded through rates.

Select one answer only
(1) Horizons leads most pest management work across the region
(2) Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas
(✓) Other (please specify)
2 is feasible if catchment groups are active in every part of the region.

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Please see our covering letter.

Greater Wellington
Te Pane Matua Taiao

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Greater Wellington Officers Feedback on the *Protecting our region together – Biosecurity in the Horizons Region* discussion document

Tēnā koutou,

Greater Wellington appreciates the opportunity to provide officer-level feedback on the *Protecting our region together – Biosecurity in the Horizons Region* discussion document.

We have opted for providing high level feedback for your consideration rather than responding to the questions in the discussion document.

Greater Wellington is bringing the review of our Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP) forward as a response to increased threat from marine pests. We would appreciate continuing the discussions at the officer level and we welcome the opportunity to better align our RPMPs where appropriate.

Our feedback is provided below:

Topics	Actions sought
Question 13 of HRC's submission form: How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region?	Somewhat important We support control measures
Feral cat control	We support control measures We encourage consideration of a clear definition of "pest

	cat", similar to provisions adopted in the Wellington Region, to support consistent management outcomes. "Pest cat means any cat within the Wellington Region that is: (i) Not microchipped in an area where microchipping is compulsory, and free-living, unowned and unsocialised, and has limited or no relationship with or dependence on humans, or (ii) Not microchipped, or registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register, and is free-living, unowned and unsocialised, and has limited or no relationship with or dependence on humans",
Question 15 of HRC's submission form: 'Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?'	Definitely We support control measures on a site led or cost recovery basis – noting that we do not currently perceive there to be cross border impacts i.e. immigration pressure. There are many benefits of catchment level control programmes.
Deer and Goat control	We encourage Horizons to develop programmes for deer and goat control, particularly in high-value biodiversity areas

We generally support continued emphasis on both prevention and control, alongside shared responsibility with landowners and communities.

Greater Wellington is particularly interested in having early discussions with Horizons Regional Council officers to better understand the opportunities and implications of any considerations to the individual species in Horizons RPMP review process. We would welcome discussions to look for opportunities to share knowledge and to maximise the effectiveness of management approaches in our respective regions by aligning species programmes and/or working to enhance mutual benefits.

The Biosecurity Working Group has initiated a discussion on low incidence species nationally, and whether an agreed suite of species can be added to all RPMPs nationally under Exclusion or Eradication programmes, in order to achieve eradication nationally. This is a concern for our biosecurity officers, and we look forward to continuing the discussion on this issue.

We also encourage Horizons Regional Council to consider marine biosecurity risks, particularly in relation to Whanganui Port. Since 2023, GW has implemented a marine biosecurity programme that includes vessel surveillance, interregional coordination, public education, advocacy, and incident readiness planning. We would welcome discussion on how similar approaches could be considered or adapted within the Horizons region.

We see strong opportunities for alignment and collaboration between our regions.

We welcome further engagement, particularly where cross-boundary risks or shared management challenges exist.

Ngā mihi nui

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Dr Fathima Iftikar
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Greater Wellington Te Pane Matua Taiao

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From: Cook, Jim [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 14 May 2026 9:59 am
To: Possum Control Operations <PossumControlOperations@horizons.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Feedback on Biosecurity in the Horizons Region Discussion Document : BLACK BACKED GULLS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

> You don't often get email from [redacted] Learn why this is important

There is something that was missed in the writing of the last plan, I wish to be discussed: adding Southern Black Backed Gull to the pest list for your council?
I Have removed all the colonies from the Bulls bridge to the sea and any coastal colonies from along the coast between Koitiata and Himitangi already.
There is a large colony on the Rangitikei River above Kakariki, that is outside my area of control, of approximately 900- 1000 pairs last year.
I have found that with the reduction already in place , to mitigate the aviation bird strike hazard, that the local farmers are commenting on the decrease in fatalities to new born stock and the decrease in stock troughs being used for bathing by the gulls risking contamination of disease and debris being regurgitated in to water, bones, rocks and asst rubbish the birds can't digest.
The two airports in this area each have Black Backed Gulls as a significant bird strike risk. North Canterbury put approx.$75K into Blackback Gull control annually combining ECAN, CIAL and council funded control measures, culling ,egg oiling and dispersal. GWRC also are involved in an extensive Black backed Gull removal/reduction plan for both Bird strike at Wellington Airport, and health concerns from the two refuse tip sites with the city.
I would be prepared to assist wherever possible to make some attempt at control at either of the river colony's left, one above Balance on the MANAWATU RIVER and the larger one near Ruru Road on the RANGITIKEI RIVER, and or the refuse tip site at Bonny Glen Landfill.
Other than the already mentioned problems the gulls create the other redeeming feature of less gulls is an amazing benefit to native birdlife, a noticeable increase in the Banded Dotterel numbers and the pr of Caspian Terns that nest near the Rangitikei River mouth have for the second year running have fledged two chicks, after 14 years of unsuccessful attempts due to gulls taking the chicks soon after hatching
Can you please ack receipt of this email.
Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Jim Cook
Airport Environmental Offr - Ohakea, Operations Squadron (Ohakea)
Te Tauaarangi o Aotearoa | Royal New Zealand Air Force
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From: Possum Control Operations <PossumControlOperations@horizons.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 4 May 2026 1:53 pm
Subject: Feedback on Biosecurity in the Horizons Region Discussion Document

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Good Afternoon,

This email is to those we have received emails from while carrying out possum control and monitoring work in recent years. Horizons is currently reviewing the regions pest plan and below is a link where you can provide feedback, please feel free to forward onto others.

We're getting in touch to let you know that the consultation period for Horizons Regional Council's Regional Pest Management Plan Review Discussion Document has now been extended until **Friday 15 May 2026**. Apologies in the delay in this update, if you would like to add to your submission, please let us know.

If you haven't already, you can provide feedback on our discussion document, ***Protecting our region together – Biosecurity in the Horizons Region*** **here: https://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz/rpmp**

You're welcome to respond to all questions, or only those most relevant to you. We are keen to hear from as many voices as possible as we consider future priorities and approaches to protecting what we value across our region: our environment, people, and livelihoods. Feedback received during this phase will help inform further engagement and the development of a proposed new Regional Pest Management Plan, which will be formally consulted on next year.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views!

Ngā mihi nui,

Daniel Hurley on behalf of RPMP Project Team
Horizons Regional Council

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Horizons Regional Council
Biosecurity and RPMP Discussion document

May 2026

Submission by Jessi Morgan
CE Predator Free New Zealand Trust
[redacted]

Thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback on your discussion document about biosecurity in the Manawatū-Whanganui region.

Question 14 asks about feral cats and that is what we mainly want to address in this submission.

Cats are devastating predators of our native species and are widespread across the Manawatū-Whanganui region where there are many vulnerable native species. Cats are an apex predator in New Zealand so without effective control their numbers go unchecked. They also kill regardless of hunger and having evolved without mammalian predators our native species (birds, bugs, bats and lizards) are defenceless against them.

Cats also carry diseases like Toxoplasmosis which is a problematic agricultural pest causing sheep to lose foetuses. Toxoplasmosis is also a problematic infection in humans.

Feral cats have recently been added to the Predator Free 2050 strategy and so it is important that RPMPs reflect this change and enable cats to be eliminated at relevant sites, so including feral cats as site led pests seems appropriate. Careful consideration also needs to be given to the definition of a feral cat. As cats are also important companion animals, being able to clearly identify an owned cat from an unowned cat is important for cat management near populated areas. The regional pest management plan needs a clear, workable definition of a feral cat. Our recommendation is that companion cats are required to have microchips and feral cats are defined as cats without a registered microchip.

We also note that the Manawatu and Tararua District Councils and the Palmerston North City Council all have bylaws that require cats to be microchipped and desexed so it is important that the RPMP provides a policy framework that supports these bylaws, including a clear definition of a feral cat.

Consideration also needs to be given about Trap Neuter release practices (which in our opinion should be banned) and feeding cats on public land (or without the express permission of the landowner) is dealt with in the RPMP.

The Predator Free 2050 strategy also includes rats, mustelids and possums so it is important that these predators are included in the RPMP so that these can be targeted in any predator elimination project. Whether these species are defined as site led, sustained control or otherwise will depend on the species and the aspirations of the wider region. Including these species would also help support the work of councils and community conservation groups undertaking suppression of these species.

-+ Puka tono | Submission form

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Neil Gallagher

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◯ All of the above.

Please explain your choice.
Biosecurity is multifaceted there are different situations and species, different positions on the infestation curve, different control methods. They may be environmental or production species the list goes on..

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Please explain your choice.

HRC addresses the issues or not depending on the species and the situation.

Possums yes but rooks no, I don't see possums as I did in past years but I heard some on the roof last night!!

I still see **Rooks** flying out across the paddocks,.. there's a rookery in the trees down the road

OMB I see around Marton.

I don't see paddocks of yellow **Ragwort**, nowadays so yes. (a success story)

I see blobs of licorice plant (*helichrsum petiolare*) appearing- I hope this one is on the radar?

To answer this question an in depth understanding of the RPMP and how that links to what is done on the ground is required. It's a hard question to answer effectively.

4) Imagine you are an occupier of a property with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on the adjacent property?

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They provide clear guidelines on what is expected, helping individuals understand their responsibilities.

Pests on land adjacent to clear land need to be controlled to stop them spreading and infesting the clear land. Without enforceable rules pests can easily spread if an occupier doesn't take responsibility on his own land.

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Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?

Horizons should lead, naturally, occupiers are, hopefully, willing participants who understand the importance of pest control.

The reporting should sit entirely with horizons

"successful pest management depends on a shared responsibility' hence it's 50%

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Select one answer only
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Please tell us why you chose this option.

Biodiversity supports crucial ecosystem services that sustain human life. Environmental Services; purification of air and water detoxification of wastes and stabilisation of the climate
Resource Provision; food security, medicinal resources, raw materials
Resilience.; ecosystems with high biodiversity better recover from natural disasters and climate change

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For example, you could explain: why you chose the property size threshold you did; whether you think smaller properties should contribute to rule implementation, and why, and; anything else we should consider regarding fairness, practicality, or local impacts.

Small properties are just as likely to contribute to pest spread as larger properties. We know that most environmental pest plants originate from urban environments. Perhaps a peri urban focus is required?

These peri-urban properties could have their own rules and be rate targeted?
How would this be funded? Take resources from areas you are not achieving a useful outcome? Put those resources where they will create the most impact and outcome.

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Select one answer only	
◯	Definitely
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Please explain your answer to the last question.

Especially feral cats which are a nationwide problem in NZ. they are responsible for the destruction of native species. There are so many stories of their effect. (e.g. Stephens island wren) Their population is estimated in the millions !!

15) Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management?

Select one answer only	
◯	Definitely
◯	Maybe, depending on costs
◯	No
◯	Don't know

Please explain your answer to the last question.

Yes especially at high value biodiversity sites

16) What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed?

Select all that apply
☐ Protecting the environment and native species
☐ Protecting farmland and production values
☐ Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild
☐ Don't know
☐ Other (please specify)

17) Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention?

Select one answer only
○ Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock)
○ Species affecting biodiversity values
○ Species affecting recreational, social, or cultural values
○ Other (please specify)

18) Some of the issues are local, others are region-wide. Which approach do you prefer?

Any Horizons involvement would need to be funded through rates.

Select one answer only
○ Horizons leads most pest management work across the region
○ Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas

◯	Other (please specify)
*supporting local community work is also very important but HRC should lead the community since they are the experts	

19) For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management.

1 = Highest priority, 5 = lowest priority. Please rank all options.

Select 4 answers
4.Horizons undertake direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers
2.Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowners
1.Landowners manage pests themselves
3.Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons

20) Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?

Employ dedicated iwi liaison staff,
Encourage action -thru incentives, contestable grants (biodiversity community grants), fund applications
Workshops, extend the current situations they have in place now to other community groups, iwi & hapu
Follow best practice for working together- engage early, identify the right people, understand the local context, respect capacity, focus on mutual benefit
Other suggestions- build connections for the long term not just the immediate project

21) Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded.

Select one answer only	
◯	Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access

◯	Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species
◯	Horizons should only provide occasional guidance and advice only

22) Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?

Yes
A Career in Pest Plant Management- Parks Maintenance Mitsubishi Motors NZ 1989-2001: Horizons 15 ½ years (2015-2021) Pest Plant Biosecurity(implementing HRC RPMP) and lately the Biodiversity team: Mgr Rangitikei Environment Group 2021-2024 :
Rangitikei District Council Parks Team 2024-present, rewrote the RDC pest plant plan and implementation.

23) Please tell us anything else you would like to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in the discussion document?

Regional Pest Management Plan Review – RRCC Response to Discussion Document, Protecting our Region together - Biosecurity in the Horizons Region

DISCUSSION DOCUMENT QUESTION	RRCC DRAFT RESPONSE
Question 1 Thinking about biosecurity in our region, which statement best reflects your view? (Select one) • Focus should be on preventing pests from arriving • Focus should be on controlling pests that are already here • Focus should be on sharing responsibility with landowners and communities • All of the above Please explain your choice (optional).	All of the above – A mix of management approaches is appropriate in response to pest species and the level of risk they pose to the region. The current framework does not adequately account for species that are present not yet classified as pests. These species may exist at low densities without immediate concern but have the potential to cause economic or environment harm as their numbers grow. The current approach does not explicitly address this transition stage, which limits timely intervention until the impacts are already evident and results in higher management costs e.g. Old Man's Beard, feral deer, peafowl. This has contributed to slow responses, as species that are not formally classified as pests are not actively managed. There is therefore a gap in the existing management framework. Consideration should be given to introducing a fourth category for species that are already present but not currently managed, but which require control because their populations could increase to harmful levels.
Question 2 When setting pest management goals in the RPMP, please rank the following in order of priority. (1 = Highest priority, 5 = lowest priority) • Being realistic about funding and delivery • Achieving measurable results • Protecting the most important places and values • Setting ambitious long-term goals • Flexibility to adapt over time	1. Protecting the most important places and values 2. Achieving measurable results 3. Flexibility to adapt over time 4. Being realistic about funding and delivery 5. Setting ambitious long-term goals
Question 3 Please indicate how you feel about the following statement: (Select one) Horizons' current approach to pest management addresses the pest issues I see in my area. • Strongly agree • Agree • Neither agree nor disagree • Disagree • Strongly disagree • Don't know	Neither agree nor disagree General feedback is that catchment groups are satisfied with possum management. However, emerging issues with feral deer and peafowl are presenting increasing challenges for landowners. In addition, there has also been a shift in active management and containment zones, and reduced funding for Old Man's Beard. These cutbacks place increased pressure on landowners to manage the weed, which is particularly difficult to control.

Please tell us why you chose this option (optional).	
Question 4 Imagine you are an occupier with pests spreading from an adjacent property. How important is it to you to have rules under a RPMP to ensure pests are controlled on that property? (Select one) • Very important • Somewhat important • Not very important • Not important at all • Not sure Please explain your choice.	Somewhat important. The level of importance depends on the type of pest and how difficult it is to manage across property boundaries. For example, pests such as Old Man's Beard can spread rapidly and are hard to control once established. In these cases, education, coordination and support are more effective than strict rules, as the vine is very widespread. Programmes that support landowners to manage it, particularly in native vegetation and riparian zones, can help slow its spread. These programmes are generally well supported. The greatest impact is achieved when neighbouring properties work together, even without strict rules. Rabbits also spread quickly, although they are generally easier to control depending on population size. In this case, rules may be more useful, as coordinated action across neighbouring land reduces reinfestation. In contrast, feral cats highlight a situation where rules are more important. Populations can increase when neighbouring properties provide food or shelter, and cats can pose additional risks through diseases such as toxoplasmosis which spreads to livestock and human health. While urban bylaws often limit cat numbers, the lack of similar rules in rural areas can undermine control efforts, suggesting a need for stronger rules. From another perspective. Commercial Forestry and native reserves should also be subject to pest management rules because they can act as refuges for pests. Where control is limited or inconsistent, these areas allow pest populations to build up and spill over onto neighbouring productive land, such as with DOC reserves. The spill over reduces the effectiveness of pest control efforts on farms, making coordinated rules across all land uses essential.
Question 5 If you could divide responsibility for pest control along a spectrum from 0% (occupiers do all control, Horizons provides advice/enforcement only) to 100% (Horizons does all control, occupiers grant access to their land and assist with reporting), where do you think the balance should be? Why do you think the balance should be at this point on the spectrum?	Pest control is, and should be, a shared responsibility between landowners and pest authorities, but not necessarily an equal one. The level of responsibility should depend on the type of pest, the scale of the problem, the cost to control it, and the resources and coordination required for effective management. Pest control responsibility can't be meaningfully reduced to a single fixed split between occupiers and a regional authority. The appropriate balance depends on the pest type, the landscape, and who bears, or creates, the costs and benefits of control. Regional Councils benefit a coordinated approach and bargaining power and efficiency. Because many pests cross boundaries and can quickly reinvade, effective control is less about assigning ownership of the problem and more about coordinating planning and action across landholders and agencies.
Question 6	1. Funding or incentives for control 2. Support and guidance for occupiers

How would you rank enforcement compared with other pest management approaches? (1 = Highest priority, 4 = lowest priority) • Enforcement on occupiers • Support and guidance for occupiers • Education and awareness campaigns • Funding or incentives for control	3. Education and awareness campaigns 4. Enforcement on occupiers
Question 7 Please rank the following values from most threatened to least threatened by pest/nuisance plants and animals in our region: (1 = Highest priority, 11 = lowest priority) • Economic wellbeing • The viability of threatened species of organisms • The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals • The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity • Soil resources • Water quality • Human health • Social and cultural wellbeing • The enjoyment of the recreational value of the natural environment • The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga • Animal welfare	There is no right or wrong answer to this question. While decision making frameworks based on values can be useful, they also have inherent limitations. Values are subjective and shaped by individual and group perspectives, which means they may not fully represent or balance the interests of the wider community. As a result, frameworks built on community values can risk bias or exclusion if not carefully designed. 1. The viability of threatened species of organisms 2. The survival and distribution of indigenous plants or animals 3. The sustainability of natural and developed ecosystems, ecological processes, and biological diversity 4. Water quality 5. Soil resources 6. Animal welfare 7. The relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga 8. Economic wellbeing 9. Social and cultural wellbeing 10. Human health 11. The enjoyment of the recreational value of the natural environment Foundation and biological systems, including survival of indigenous and threatened species should be prioritised as the basis for both ecological and human wellbeing outcomes. However, ranking values in this way imposes a single hierarchy, despite the fact that many of these values do not operate on a common hierarchy. Social wellbeing, cultural wellbeing, and recreational values, for example overlap in practice. Some values also cut across others, including animal welfare, Treaty relationships and cultural obligations, and economic values.
Question 8 How concerned are you about the impacts of pests/nuisance species on these values? (Select one) • Very concerned	Very concerned

• Moderately concerned • A little concerned • Not concerned • Not sure Please tell us why you chose this option (optional)	Pest and nuisance species can affect personal and economic wellbeing, causing financial losses, irreversible environmental damage, and risks to health and safety. They can also reduce enjoyment of outdoor spaces and lead to higher long-term management and control costs.
Question 9 Which programme outcomes do you feel should be prioritised most through the RPMP? (Select all that apply) • Preventing high-risk pests from establishing in the region (exclusion) • Removing pests from specific areas where it's still achievable (eradication) • Reducing the spread of pests that are established in parts of the region (progressive containment) • Limiting the impacts of widespread pests through ongoing control (sustained control) • Protecting high-value places and sites (site-led protection) • Not sure	All of them are a priority
Question 10 In your view, the property size threshold for the clear land and good neighbour rules should: (Select one) • Apply to smaller properties than it does now • Stay about the same as it is now • Apply only to larger properties than it does now • Be removed entirely • Not sure	Apply to smaller properties than it does now. (Pests don't discriminate on property size.)
Question 11 Which approach to funding the implementation of these rules do you think is the most appropriate for Horizons to take? (Select one) • Funded by all ratepayers, regardless of property size • Funded only by properties covered by the rules • A mix of general rates and targeted rates • Not sure	Funded by all landowners, regardless of property ownership or size. Landowners exempt from paying rates should contribute to pest management also.
Question 12	Small properties can present the same pest control and biosecurity risks as larger ones because pests do no spread based on property size. All rate payers benefit from the control of pest. Even small areas of

Please tell us more about your answers on property size and how these rules should be funded. For example, you could explain: • Why you chose the property size threshold you did. • Whether you think smaller properties should contribute to rule implementation, and why. • Anything else we should consider regarding fairness, practicality, or local impacts.	unmanaged vegetation, rubbish, or food sources can support pests such as rodents, wasps, or invasive weeds, allowing them to spread between properties. If clearance requirements and good neighbour rules only apply to large properties or private land, pests can persist and reinfest other areas. Furthermore, public land, including transport corridors, river systems, and public reserves, where control is limited or inconsistent, allow pest populations to build up and spill over onto neighbouring productive land, such as with DOC reserves. The spill over reduces the effectiveness of pest control efforts on farms, making coordinated rules and contributions across all land uses essential. A consistent application across small and large properties, as well as public and private land, is needed for effective pest control.
Question 13 How important do you think it is for Horizons to manage feral animals in the region? (Select one) • Very important • Not very important • Not important at all • Don't know	Somewhat important – Support from councils can take many forms. It's not just about people seeking funding or targeted rates. Often it is simply about guidance, advice, and coordination to help address an issue effectively before it gets out of control.
Question 14 Would you support funding feral animal (e.g. deer, goats, pigs, cats, and canada geese) management through your rates if it meant Horizons could act to reduce populations? (Select one) • Definitely • Maybe, depending on costs • No • Don't know Please explain your answer.	Maybe, depending what action Horizons was planning - A consistent, coordinated long-term approach is needed, developed in consultation with local catchment and community groups, to control pests, particularly feral animals. This approach should aim to reduce populations to manageable while balancing potential benefits, harmful ecological and economic impacts, and the wider consequences of control methods. For example, some control measures, such as use of poisons, can restrict the ability to sell or use the feral meat, reducing its value and potentially discouraging its use as part of control efforts. Adequate, consistent funding is essential to ensure access to the most effective tools, to achieve meaningful impact, and support on-going maintenance and monitoring.
Question 15 Considering the challenges of deer control, do you think Horizons should take an active role in deer management? (Select one) • Definitely • Maybe, depending on costs • No • Don't know Please explain your answer.	Definitely - Horizons should take an active role in deer management because effective control requires coordination across the region. Working with catchment groups and landowners and sharing the costs of pest control is essential to ensure consistent and sustained control efforts. Without a lead agency helping to organise and support these efforts, deer populations are likely to remain difficult to manage. Land uses can both contribute to and be affected by pest populations, for example forestry and DOC reserves management of poorly managed allow pest populations to build up and spill over onto neighbouring productive land. Councils are therefore well placed to design funding and management approaches that distribute the costs more equitably across the whole community, rather than placing the burden primarily on individual beneficiaries of pest control. Furthermore, early management is more effective and less costly than addressing problems after they escalate and impact productive land.

Question 16 What should Horizons focus on when deciding how deer should be managed? (Select all that apply) • Protecting the environment and native species • Protecting farmland and production values • Allowing people to enjoy deer in the wild • Other (please specify) • Don't know	Protecting the environment, native species, and farmland is essential for maintaining long-term productivity and ecological balance. Without effective pest control, invasive species and overpopulated pests can damage habitats and degrade ecosystems, ultimately reducing the ability to enjoy deer and other wildlife in the wild.
Question 17 Please help us to set priorities for Horizons' pest management work. Where resources are limited, which types of species should receive the most attention? (Select one) • Species affecting economic values (e.g. production, crops, livestock) • Species affecting biodiversity values • Species affecting recreational, social, or cultural values • Other (please specify)	If resources are limited then pest management should be integrated and collaborative, because economic capacity and landowner engagement strongly influence success across all categories. Priority should be given to biodiversity impacts because they underpin the long-term ecosystem health, which in turn supports economic, recreational, and cultural outcomes. Further, early management is more effective and less costly than addressing problems after they escalate. Effective management should focus on the severity, scale, and reversibility of impacts rather than a single value category. When resources are limited, prioritisation of pest and nuisance species should consider economic and biodiversity impacts together.
Question 18 Some of these issues are local, others are region wide. Which approach do you prefer? Any Horizons involvement would need to be funded through rates. (Select one) • Horizons leads most pest management work across the region • Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas • Other (please specify)	Horizons supports local communities to manage the pests in their areas. A catchment community led approach in response to demand and need for assistance should direct resources to where it is needed most.
Question 19 For nuisance species (including plants and animals) that are widespread but not yet under RPMP rules, rank these approaches for pest management. • Horizons undertakes direct control where occupiers provide access, funded by ratepayers • Horizons provides guidance and tools to landowners • Landowners manage pests themselves • Community groups take the lead with support from Horizons • Other (please specify)	Once again it depends on the pest. Catchment and Community groups can take the lead, supported by Horizons, as local people are best placed to understand their environment and the issues affecting it. Once again early intervention and support for landowners and catchment groups is going to be more effective and less costly than addressing problems after they escalate.

Question 20 Do you have suggestions for how Horizons could work with iwi, hapū, community groups, or industry to manage species not included in the RPMP?	Working with catchment groups starts with identifying who to engage with, being accessible, actively listening, and understanding their priorities. From there, Horizons can work in partnership and coordination with these groups to address issues as they arise, rather than making decisions in isolation. Local catchment communities should be supported to help lead the process, as they understand local conditions and are directly affected by outcomes. Early intervention and support for landowners and catchment groups is likely to be more effective and cost efficient for pest management. Facilitating stronger connections between groups at a local level is also important. Horizons could also collaborate with local councils to manage roadside verges, which are often covered overrun with invasive weeds that spread onto private property.
Question 21 Please indicate how involved Horizons should be in managing species (including plants and animals) that are not listed in the RPMP, noting that any involvement would be rates funded. (Select one) • Horizons should take full responsibility for managing these species, where occupiers provide access • Horizons should actively support and coordinate with others managing these species • Horizons should provide occasional guidance and advice only • Horizons should not be involved Please explain your answer.	Horizons should actively support and coordinate with catchment community groups to manage species impacts where they are increasingly a problem and where help is requested. Early management is more effective and less costly than addressing problems after they escalate. For example, Horizons could fund investigation and registration process of poisons or control methods effective on peacocks.
Question 22 Do you have a pest management experience, positive or negative, that you would like to share with us?	Many of our members appear satisfied with the current possum control programme. However, some catchments face challenges with how to manage Peafowl and feral deer that have started impacting farm costs and productivity.
Question 23 Please tell us anything else you would like us to know about pest management, biosecurity, or the issues covered in this document.	Roadside verges, rail corridors, and road reserves are frequently overrun with invasive weeds and pest. Horizons should work in partnership with local councils, NZTA, and Kiwi rail to manage these areas to effectively and reduce the risk of spread onto adjacent private properties.