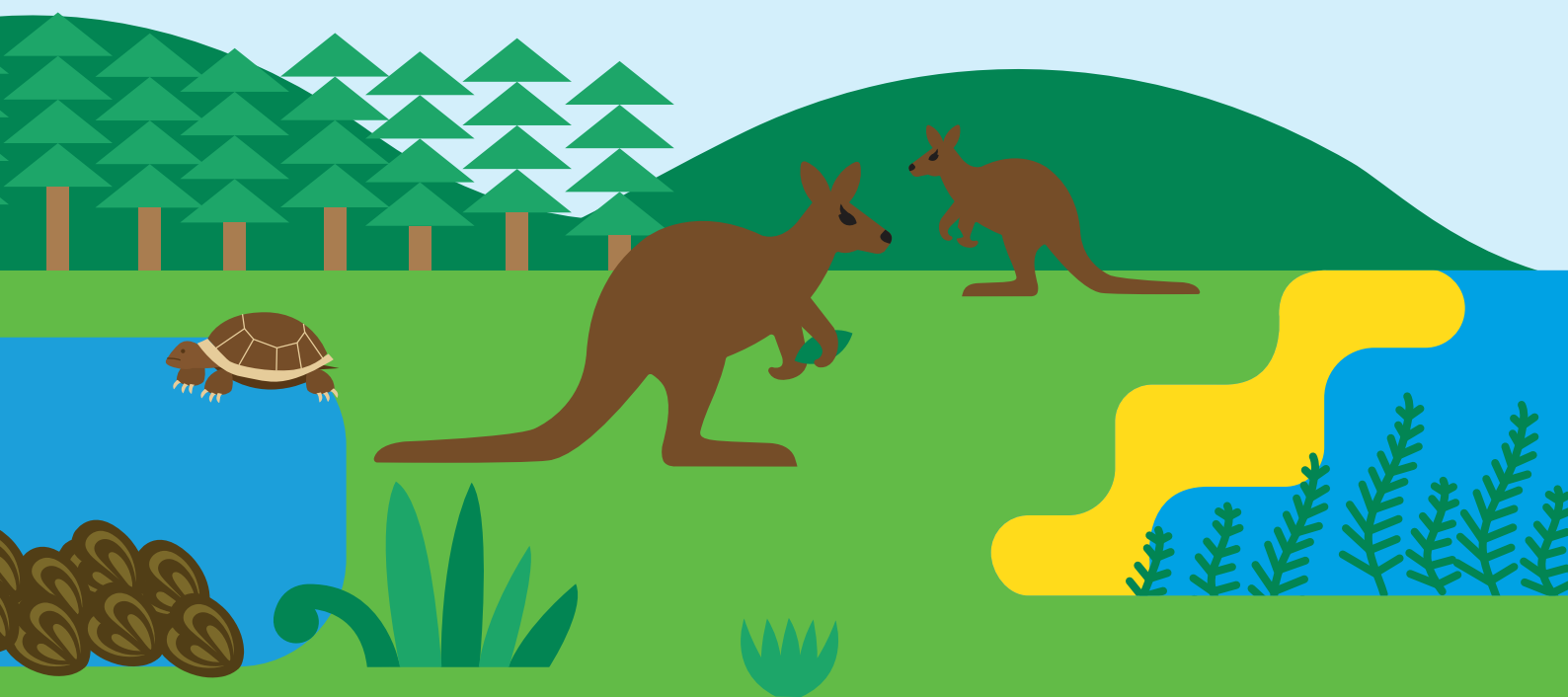


Ngā panonitanga marohi ki te Mahere Whakahaere Kīrearea ā-rohe 2020 - 2030

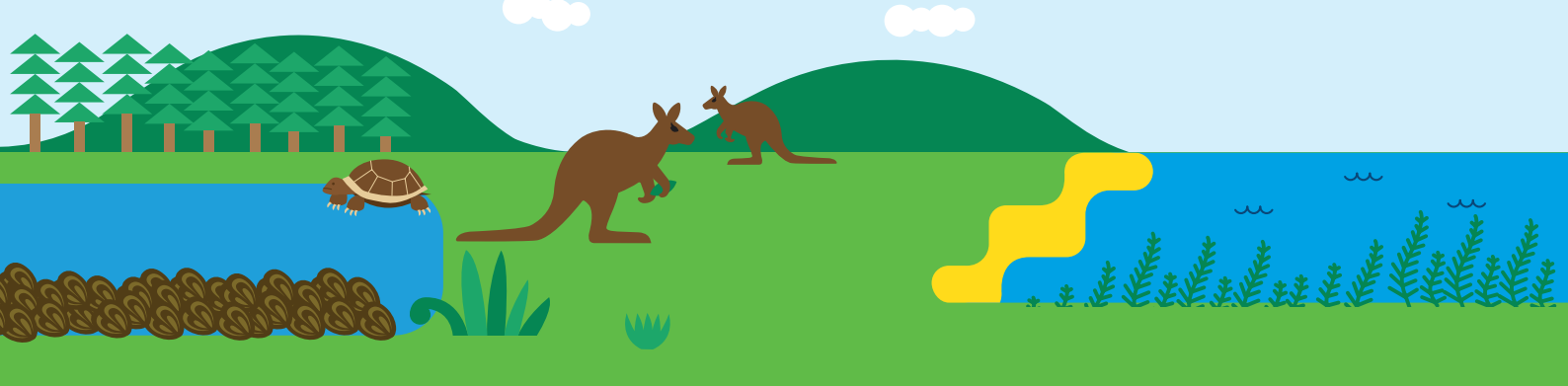
Proposed amendments to the Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP) 2020 - 2030



We're proposing some changes to our Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP) 2020 - 2030 to reflect emerging pest issues.

Taukī o te tono
Statement of Proposal





He aha te Mahere Whakahaere Kīrearea ā-rohe?

What is the Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP)?

The Biosecurity Act 1993 requires regional councils to 'provide regional leadership in pest management'. The RPMP is the key regional policy document to direct the management of pests in the Bay of Plenty region. The current plan has been in place since December 2020 and has effect for 10 years.

He aha mātou e mahi nei i tēnei? Why are we doing this?

The pest management landscape is ever changing. The pests included in the RPMP and the ways to manage them sometimes need to be reconsidered to reflect emerging pest issues.

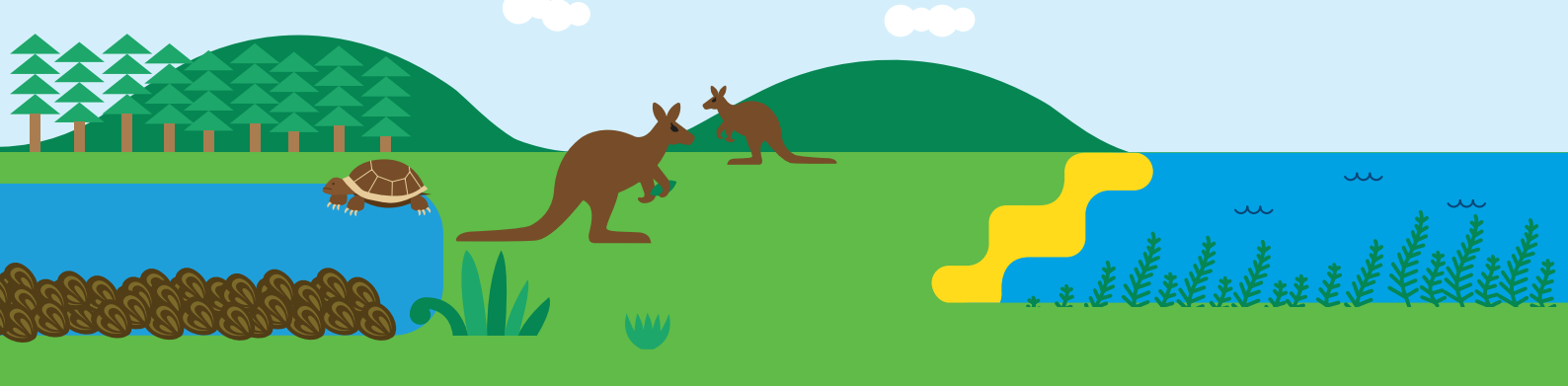
He aha e panoni ana? What's changing?

Amendments to the RPMP proposed through this partial plan review include:

- **Wallabies** - All wallaby species known to be in New Zealand to be included in the RPMP. Currently our plan only includes one species, the dama wallaby.
- **Pest conifers** - Certain conifer species to be treated as pests in any form (planted, plantation and wilding). Previously the requirement to remove conifers was limited to wilding conifers only.
- **New exclusion pests** - Exotic *Caulerpa* and all species of *Corbicula* are included as exclusion pests in the RPMP. At this time neither pests are present in the region.
- **Marine pest rules** - A new rule to manage the spread of marine pests by requiring all craft moving to or within our waters to have clean hulls and high risk areas (including anchor, chain, anchor wells and live bait tanks) and boating equipment are free of pests and sediment.
- **Freshwater pest rules** - An amended rule to better manage the spread of freshwater pests by requiring vessels entering water bodies to be checked, cleaned and dried and that all recreational equipment is free of pests.
- **Turtles** - Introduced turtles are included as sustained control pests and will be subject to conditions that prevent turtles from establishing in the wild.

He aha e kore e uhi ana i te arotake iti? What's not covered in the partial review?

Council is only seeking feedback on the proposed amendments to the RPMP. The remainder of the RPMP is not open for submission.



Ko wai e pāngia ana e ēnei panonitanga kua tonoa?

Who is affected by these proposed changes?

Most people will be unaffected by these proposed changes. There are implications for some specific groups in our regional community. Owners of pet wallabies and turtles, marine and freshwater recreationalists and occupiers of land who have (or plan to have) specified conifer species may be impacted by the changes.

New Pests Proposed

Corbicula and Exotic Caulerpa:

These two species were not known to be in New Zealand when the RPMP was developed. Together they pose significant threats to our water environments:

Corbicula (gold clam) to freshwater and **Exotic caulerpa** to our marine environment and associated industries.

It is proposed to include corbicula and exotic caulerpa to the RPMP which would support Council's surveillance activities. Associated rules will require that boats and boating and recreational equipment are free of pests.

See Rules 7A and 7.

Turtles:

There are no native turtles in New Zealand. Increasingly introduced turtles can survive in the wild and threaten the natural environment by competing with native species and impacting water quality.

It is proposed to include introduced turtles in the RPMP to minimise the risk of turtle release or escapes that result in turtles establishing in the wild. The proposal doesn't intend to take away the right to own and keep turtles. A generic exemption could be granted under the Biosecurity Act for owners of legitimately purchased pet turtles with conditions on turtle containment and disposal.

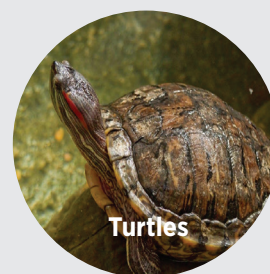
See Rule 6



Corbicula
(gold clam)



Exotic
caulerpa



Turtles

The proposed amendments are open for public submissions until 24 September 2024 and final adoption likely to be 1 March 2025 . Please visit our Participate page to view the proposed amendments, supporting information, and to submit your views.