

# FUTURE OF PEST MANAGEMENT PROJECT

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### INTRODUCTION

The Future of Pest Management Project is designing improvements to pest management systems so that they can deliver what New Zealand needs as a nation for the next 25 years. The overall approach is to solve the critical issues, build alignment and reflect this in an action plan for improvement. The project is focusing on improving efficiency, effectiveness and integration in the pest management framework. The project is now one quarter complete.

Working Groups drawn from affected agencies, industries and interest groups are now working on the priority issues:

- Establishing the desired overall future state of pest management systems
- Identifying the outcomes pest management should contribute to
- Integrating developments in system performance measurement
- Defining high level roles and responsibilities
- Determining what is required for the Crown as a land owner to be a good neighbour in pest management processes

At the same time the project is extending its sphere of engagement to identify what iwi value in pest management and how systems affect their interests. Further engagement with a wider network of stakeholders is also being sought and resources for this are being developed.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ By 30 March 2010 the Future of Pest Management Project will deliver a draft action plan for improving the sector.
- ❖ By 1 September 2010 the final action plan will be in place and implementation will get underway.
- ❖ Any “quick wins” will be picked up and implemented as we go
- ❖ A team of leaders has been appointed under the direction of MAFBNZ as neutral facilitators of good process and robust analysis

- The project includes representatives from central and regional government, Maori, industry and other key stakeholders
- Six work streams have been established: A. Action plan development and alignment and measurement; B. Roles and accountabilities; C. Crown as a good neighbour; D. Legislative review; E. Physical controls and monitoring tools; F. Improving Collective Action and Building Behaviours for Future Success
- Work stream leaders are charged with cutting through the “churn” that has characterised some attempts at reform in the sector
- The process will allow for all sectoral needs to be identified and addressed while recognising that effective solutions will require dialogue and accommodation between the parties
- The process will build on the direction and expectations set in the Biosecurity Strategy and other relevant government strategies
- Sector executives are committed to participation and to achieving results that will provide the best overall pest management outcomes for New Zealand as a whole
- Participants are being encouraged to put aside any past differences and work positively across institutional boundaries to design and agree to a pest management system that will last for at least the next 25 years.

## THE WORK STREAMS

Analysis and engagement are underway for the first six of the project’s seven work streams. Each work stream comprises a lead person supported by a working group that will provide advice on how to solve key issues within its work stream. Development of the action plan and project alignment is being managed within an overarching work stream.

The draft action plan combining proposals from the six work groups will be released for public consultation in April 2010. Interested parties will have three months to submit written responses which will then be taken into consideration in the preparation of the final plan.

The work streams, their leaders and the organisations who wished to be represented on them are set out below:

### A. Action plan development and alignment

Purpose: To set context and direction, drive project alignment (internal and external), solve cross-cutting issues and capture project outcomes within a ‘national action plan’.

Leader: Peter Lawless

Organisations represented:

- Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry
- Department of Conservation

- Regional Councils
- Federated Farmers
- Dept of Internal Affairs
- Ministry of Fisheries
- Landcare Research

**B. Roles and responsibilities in the terrestrial, fresh water and marine areas**

Purpose: To determine and communicate roles and accountabilities for terrestrial, freshwater, and marine pest management activities.

Leader: Gerard Willis (supported by Jane Gunn)

Organisations represented:

- Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry
- Department of Conservation
- Regional Councils
- Local Government New Zealand
- Dept of Internal Affairs
- Aquaculture New Zealand
- Land Information New Zealand
- National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research
- New Zealand Transport Agency

**C. Crown as a good neighbour**

Purpose: To implement the Government's direction that 'the Crown will meet its obligations as a good neighbour'.

Leader: Chris Baddeley

Organisations represented:

- Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry
- Department of Conservation
- Regional Councils
- Local Government New Zealand
- Ontrack
- Federated Farmers
- Environment Waikato
- National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research
- New Zealand Transport Agency
- Land Information New Zealand

**D. Legislative review**

Purpose: To develop proposals for an improved legislative framework that enables co-ordinated and effective pest management.

Leader: Fleur Matthews

Organisations represented:

- Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry
- Department of Conservation

- Ministry for the Environment
- Environment Waikato
- Local Government New Zealand
- National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research

#### **E. Physical control and monitoring tools**

Purpose: To ensure frameworks are in place so that pest managers have access to an effective and socially sustainable suite of physical control and monitoring tools over time.

Leader: Ian Gear (supported by Helen Gear)

Organisations represented:

- Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry
- Department of Conservation
- Federated Farmers
- Ministry for the Environment
- Plant & Food Research
- Regional Councils
- AgResearch
- Landcare Research
- New Zealand Transport Agency

#### **F. Improving Collective Action and Building Behaviours for Future Success**

Purpose: to make it easier and more effective for individuals, collectives (clubs and other types of groupings), communities, and agencies to take action, and to ensure that the design of the pest management system builds trust and an enduring shared commitment needed for future success.

Leader: Wren Green

Organisations represented:

- Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry
- Department of Conservation
- Federated Farmers
- Landcare Trust
- National Beekeepers Association
- Environment Southland
- National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research
- Ministry of Fisheries
- AgResearch
- Landcare Research

#### **Further information**

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