

Adoption of new mustelids rules in the Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki

The Taranaki Regional Council (the Council) hereby notifies that pursuant to section 75(4) of the *Biosecurity Act 1993*, it has decided to amend the Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki to include a new rule for land occupiers in Predator Control Areas to control mustelids (ferrets, stoats and weasels).

The approved amendment to the *Regional Pest Management Plan* will declare mustelids to be 'pests' and a new programme will be implemented for their sustained control. The new programme will empower the Council to exercise the relevant advisory, service delivery, regulatory and funding powers available under the Biosecurity Act 1993 to deliver mustelid control in defined parts of Taranaki.

Copies of the updated version of the Plan with the adopted changes and the Council's Decision's report can be obtained from the Taranaki Regional Council premises 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, 4352 or can be found on the Taranaki Regional Council website.

If you have any questions, please contact the Council at info@trc.govt.nz or by phoning 0800 736 222.

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