

STATEMENT OF INTENT



USE OF AERIAL 1080 FOR PEST CONTROL IN THE WAIKATO REGION

PURPOSE

To recognise the values of the important forest habitats of the Waikato region, and to protect, enhance and restore these through alignment of our pest control activities when working with communities, landowners, tangata whenua and interested stakeholders.

PRINCIPLES

PROMOTION OF BEST PRACTICE: Adherence to national best practice standards, controls and guidelines when undertaking aerial 1080 operations, especially related to the potential contamination of waterways.

EXEMPLARY COMPLIANCE STANDARDS: Ensuring that all operations are fully compliant with national and regional regulatory requirements, conditions, controls and established risk management practices.

ACTIVE COLLABORATION: Working together with tangata whenua to achieve common pest management goals, to be respectful of mātauranga Māori values and ensuring that engagement expectations set out in our relevant joint management agreements are met. Working with Department of Conservation and other key partners to evidentially demonstrate the benefits of pest control.

SUPPORTING PEST CONTROL TOOLBOX EXPANSION: Assisting and supporting national research and trials into the expansion of the pest control toolbox, including the exploration of viable alternatives to aerial 1080.

RAISING AWARENESS: Communicating and engaging with our community about the threats, issues, successes and opportunities in managing the forests of the region.

EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY: Ensuring that all pest control operations undertaken are the most effective and efficient way of achieving conservation outcomes.

COMMITMENT

We agree to promote and implement the above principles to the best of our abilities to address the issues facing our region's important forest habitats.

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Vaughan Payne
Chief Executive Officer
Waikato Regional Council
15 December 2015

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Paula Southgate
Chairman
Waikato Regional Council
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