

10 January 2020

LGOIMA No. 8140006175
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

John Luke

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Dear John,

Local Government Official Information And Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)
Biosecurity Plan - Aotea Great Barrier Island

I refer to your email dated 14 December 2019 and sent to the Department of Conservation, in which you made an official information request about the Aotea Conservation Park Advisory Committee.

Part 5 of your request was transferred by the Department of Conservation to Auckland Council to respond to.

The specific details of your request and our response is below.

1. “I noted on the Agenda item 14 – Operations Manager’s Report, Kate wanted to know if there was a specific plan for Aotea.....May I request a copy of this plan.”

The agenda item referred to above related to a meeting of the Aotea Conservation Park Advisory Committee held on 7 October 2019. The report discussed various biosecurity matters and we have interpreted your request to be for a copy of the biosecurity plan that relates to Aotea.

There is no stand-alone Auckland Council biosecurity plan that is specific to Aotea. However, section 7.2 of the forthcoming Regional Pest Management Plan (the Plan) does apply to Aotea, while other sections of the Plan (sections 7.1 and 7.7) that address the wider Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area (7.1) and the entire region (7.7) will also apply.

The Plan is a statutory plan created by Auckland Council under the Biosecurity Act 1993. The Plan has been adopted by the council but is not yet operative as it is still subject to Environment Court processes.

An interim copy of the Plan is available on the Auckland Council website at this link: <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/topics-you-can-have-your-say-on/regional-pest-management-plan/Documents/auckland-regional-pest-management-plan-2019-2029.pdf>

In addition, there is a Biosecurity Management Plan for the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area that was prepared by Auckland Regional Council in 2009 – please refer to **Attachment 1** for a copy of this plan.

This is an operational plan for the wider Hauraki Gulf, including but not limited to Aotea. As noted by George Taylor in the Aotea Conservation Park Advisory Committee minutes that you refer to. Implementation of this plan is undertaken collaboratively in conjunction with the Department of Conservation.

While this plan is still currently operative, it is becoming increasingly out of date. Auckland Council will be creating an updated Biosecurity Management Plan for the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area soon, to align with the Regional Pest Management Plan once it becomes operative.

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right by way of complaint, under section 27(3) of the LGOIMA, to apply to the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review of the decision.

If you have any further questions please contact me on (09) 301 0101 quoting LGOIMA No. 8140006175.

Yours sincerely

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The decision to release this information to you was made by Gael Ogilvie, General Manager, Environmental Services.

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