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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**REGIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**

held  
**9.30am, Friday, 8 December 2023**  
at  
**Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond**

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**Present:** **Tasman District Council:** Councillors C Butler (Chair), M Kininmonth and Deputy Mayor S Bryant  
**Nelson City Council:** Councillors M Benge, R Sanson (Deputy Chair) and A Stallard

**In Attendance:** **Tasman District Council:** Group Manager – Information, Science & Technology (S Manners), Team Leader – Biosecurity & Biodiversity (G Coleman), Special Projects Analyst – Biosecurity (P Sheldon), Team Leader – Democracy Services (E Stephenson)

**Nelson City Council:** Team Leader Environmental Services (R Frizzell), Team Leader Biodiversity and Biosecurity (P Cochrane)

Consultants (J Lambie) and (P Russell (Zoom))

**1 OPENING, WELCOME**

The Chair invited Team Leader – Biosecurity & Biodiversity, Guinevere Coleman, to give the opening karakia.

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

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### **3 PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil

### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

### **5 LATE ITEMS**

Nil

### **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Councillor Sanson/Councillor Kininmonth  
RPMC23-12-1**

**That the minutes of the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 22 August 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### **7 REPORTS**

#### **7.1 Regional Pest Management Plan 2019 – 2029 Partial Review Consultation**

Special Projects Analyst, Paul Sheldon, presented the report, and gave the background on the process so far, noting the engagement with sector groups and that, for most species, feedback had been positive.

It was noted that a cats bylaw process was underway in Tasman and Nelson would be providing options on a bylaw in April 2024.

Questions and discussion took place including what was allowed under biosecurity legislation, the Management Plan review schedule and pest agent rules and enforcement. In response to a suggestion for Tasman-wide requirements in the Plan for cat microchipping and desexing, staff recommended a combination of approaches using the Cat Bylaw and the Regional Pest Management Plan 2019 – 2029, as proposed.

**Moved Councillor Sanson/Deputy Mayor Bryant  
RPMC23-12-2**

**That the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee:**

- 1. receives the Regional Pest Management Plan 2019 – 2029 Partial Review Consultation report RRPMC23-12-1; and**
- 2. approves the draft Regional Pest Management Plan 2019 – 2029 Partial Review Consultation document (Attachment 1 to the agenda report) for the formal partial review consultation process; and**
- 3. recommends to Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council that they approve public notification of the draft Regional Pest Management Plan 2019 – 2029 Partial Review Consultation document for the partial review of the Tasman–Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2029, commencing 23 February 2024, for a period of one month, closing on 23 March 2024.**

**CARRIED**

It was acknowledged that this was Paul Sheldon's last meeting, and he was commended for his work on the Plan.

**8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

Nil

Ms Coleman gave the closing karakia.

The meeting concluded at 10.57am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on 27 May 2024.

**RPMC24-05-3**

**That the minutes of the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee meeting held on Friday, 8 December 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**