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Your submission on the Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan

Russell Lupin (*Lupinus polyphyllus*) should be included in the Pest Management Plan as a Pest Agent.

Experience from the Lower Ahuriri river shows that this species is an aggressive invader of braided river habitats, thereby altering river bed geomorphology and reducing the available habitat for nesting bird, including threatened species such as wrybill, black fronted tern and dotterel.

In order to prevent the species from invading further reaches within the Waitaki District it is important that the current extent of these infestations are mapped, and where practical that site led programmes be carried out. Where this approach is not practical, a progressive containment approach using the boundary and setback rules set by industry best practice should be implemented to contain the infestations.

It is also important that *L. polyphyllus* is included under the Exclusion Programme, so that important areas currently free from infestation shall remain clear in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the proposed regional pest management plan.

Kind Regards,

Max Crowe