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

The Morgan Foundation are concerned that most biodiversity pests have been removed as pest from the proposed plan and have been reclassified as Organisms of Interest.

The Morgan Foundation would like feral cats to be included in the plan as a site led pest. However, a clear definition of a feral cat is required to make it useful to be implementable in populated areas.

Specifically a feral cat should be defined as any cat without a microchip, collar or harness. This would allow cats to be legally managed in sensitive wildlife areas, particularly those near populated areas. Currently there is no definition of a feral cat in the plan. This means there is no way to tell if a cat is owned or not and means that feral cats cannot be controlled in sensitive wildlife areas, especially those near settlements.

Wandering cats have an impact on native biodiversity through the predation of native birds, reptiles and insects. Regional Councils have a responsibility to provide leadership in protecting our biodiversity and ECAN need to include relevant biodiversity pests in their plan.

Cat colonies should also be addressed and the establishment and support of colonies should be prohibited. Especially near ecologically sensitive areas.

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