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To whom it may concern,

Please see attached the Ministry of Education's submission on the Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Strategy.

A confirmation of receipt would be appreciated.

Please don't hesitate to contact me in relation to this submission on the contact details provided.

Kind regards,

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## **Ministry of Education: Submission on the Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan 2017-2037**

On behalf of the Ministry of Education the following submission is made in respect of the Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan 2017-2037

### **The Ministry of Education's Role**

The Ministry of Education (the Ministry) is the Government's lead advisor on the New Zealand education system, shaping direction for education agencies and providers and contributing to the Government's goals for education. The Ministry has responsibility for all education property owned by the Crown. This involves managing the existing property portfolio, upgrading and improving the portfolio, purchasing and constructing new property to meet increased demand, identifying and disposing of surplus State school sector property and managing teacher and caretaker housing. The Ministry is therefore a considerable stakeholder in terms of educational facilities and assets in the Canterbury Region.

### **The Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan 2017-2037**

The Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan (the Plan) has been developed in accordance with Part 2 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 to provide regional leadership in activities that prevent, reduce or eliminate adverse effects from harmful organisms that are present in the region. The Proposal is a review of the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Strategy 2011-2015.

For each of the pests identified in the strategy, one or more of the pest management programmes listed below may be utilised to control the pest. The programmes outlined in the Proposed Plan are:

- Exclusion Programme;
- Eradication Programme;
- Progressive Containment Programme;
- Sustained Control Programme; and
- Protecting Values in Places (Site-Led) Programme.

It is understood that there are two schools in the Canterbury Region for which the Ministry has responsibility for that are in areas identified on planning maps as requiring site-led programmes. These schools are:

- **Governors Bay Primary School** – the pest which is proposed to be controlled by a site-led programme is Old Man's Beard. The site is on Map 9.5 of the Proposed Plan.
- **Omarama Primary School** – the pests which are proposed to be controlled by a site-led programme are Gorse and Broom. The site is on Map 9.2 of the Proposed Plan. However, from correspondence with Omarama Primary School it is understood that there is no Gorse or Broom on the school site.

The Ministry has corresponded with Environment Canterbury who has stated that they will take a lead role in controlling the pests listed above on the school site, which will involve doing most of the upfront work.



Property owners (in this instance the Ministry) will be required to act but only once Environment Canterbury has undertaken an initial sweep.

Since the 2012 changes to the Biosecurity Act, the Ministry recognises that the Good Neighbour Rule (which is outlined in the Proposed Plan) also applies to Crown Land.

**The Ministry's submission on the Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan 2017-2037**

Given the role of the Ministry identified above, including the operation of a number of education facilities including primary and secondary schools across the district, the following submission is made in response.

- The presence of gorse on the Omarama Primary School site is clarified/confirmed.
- Environment Canterbury has outlined that it will be undertaking most of the upfront work on the site-led programmes. The Ministry would appreciate it if further details of this "upfront work" can be provided. Although this level of detail may not be necessary for the Proposed Plan, it would be beneficial for the Ministry (as the landowner) and the two schools (as the occupiers).
- The Ministry, Governors Bay School and Omarama School would like to be fully informed of any pest management procedures on or near to the school sites. This is so that the potential effects of these procedures (such as spraying) can be fully considered, particularly in relation to the safety of students.
- The Ministry wishes to work with Environment Canterbury to ensure that these programmes are successfully carried out. Both schools have however indicated to the Ministry that given the financial constraints they operate under the potential financial implications to the two schools of having to maintain and undertake site-led programmes will have to be considered in any works.

**The Ministry does wish to be heard in support of its submission**

Yours faithfully,



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