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Date: Friday, 9 April 2021 9:00:49 pm

kia ora,

Predatory feral cats are an increasing widespread biodiversity issue for the Canterbury region, especially for invertebrates, lizards, birdlife and for braided river nesting birds.

The Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan 2018-2038 (CRPMP) currently recognises feral cats as an Organism of Interest (Ool). This CRPMP states "Ools are not accorded pest status but future control of them could arise, for example through Site led programs. A review of the plan may be necessary to include them as pests."

Feral cats have moved beyond being an organism of interest. They should be considered a pest and controlled throughout the region with eradication as the aim.

We recommend that the CRC:

- a. Review the CRPMP to reclassify feral cats from "Organism of Interest" to "pest".
- b. Actively control feral cats, particularly in the Canterbury high country, and on Canterbury braided rivers and sites of high indigenous biodiversity value.
- c. Take the lead on an interagency partnership to eradicate feral cats in the Canterbury region.

I do not wish to speak to this submission, as the evidence of what feral cats are currently doing in the high country speaks for itself.

thanks, Pete Neale Chair, Arthur's Pass Wildlife Trust.

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Pete and Fi

Arthur's Pass Alpine Motel