



MEDIA RELEASE

DEVELOPING A NORFOLK ISLAND PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Norfolk Island Regional Council (NIRC) is preparing a Pest Management Plan aiming to reduce the problems caused by pest plants and animals on Norfolk Island. This includes environmental and land use issues caused by weeds like Hawaiian Holly, and crop losses due to rats and feral chooks. Also diseases like the palm borer which affects both the native and the Kentia palm. These are the types of pest issues that will be addressed in the plan.

NIRC is only one organisation in a whole community that works together to manage pests. There are not for profit groups, government bodies and committed individuals who manage formosum lily, rats, cats, red parrots, Argentine ants and other pests. We have begun talking to stakeholders and we'd like to hear from anyone else with an interest in the project. Some things to consider when providing input may include:

- What do you think Norfolk's worst weed is?
- What are our most problematic pest animals?
- What would you like to see an island wide Pest Management Plan achieve?
- Have you got any suggestions for managing pests and/or weeds based on your own experience?

Please submit your feedback before 4 November by:

- Letter – Norfolk Island Regional Council, PO Box 95, Norfolk Island 2899
- Email – regionalcouncil@nirc.gov.nf
- In person – Customer Care, New Cascade Road

The information gathered during this early stage of the project will be used in the preparation of a Draft Plan. Once it is written, community feedback will also be sought on the Draft Plan.

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