

- Considering all reasonably practicable options and analysing the advantages and disadvantages of each
- Considering the views and preferences of those likely to be interested in or affected by the proposal – for example concessionaires, businesses and recreational groups who use and benefit from the regional parks
- Taking into account the importance of kauri and the Waitākere and Hūnua Ranges to iwi
- Having particular regard to the purposes and objectives of the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act

Ngā tūtohunga / Recommendations

That the Environment and Community Committee:

- a) propose to close high risk tracks in the Hunua Ranges Regional Park by 1 May 2018, subject to
 - i) consultation with mana whenua Ngai Tai ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Whanaunga, Ngāti Pāoa and Ngāti Tamaoho
 - ii) consultation with the Franklin Local Board
- b) propose to close the forested areas of the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park, with exceptions, such as beaches, pasturelands and areas which would reach the requirement of a controlled area notice, by 1 May 2018 subject to:
 - i) identification of the proposed closure area and exceptions in consultation with Te Kawerau ā Maki
 - ii) consultation with the Waitākere Ranges Local Board
 - iii) targeted engagement with concessionaires, businesses and recreational groups who use and benefit from the regional park and with people who live within the Waitākere Ranges.
- c) request staff to formally seek the Ministry for Primary Industries support for the proposed closure within the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park and track closures within the Hunua Ranges Regional Park by initiating controlled area notices, once targeted engagement and consultation has been completed
- d) approve, in principle, a targeted patrols enforcement approach, with an unbudgeted cost of \$2.2M, for the proposed closures, subject to consultation
- e) subject to fulfilment of resolutions a) and b) request staff report back on this matter at the April 2018 Environment and Community Committee for final decision making
- f) note that this additional activity is unbudgeted in this financial year and that the recommended option, supported by focused enforcement, could cost approximately \$3.3M opex and \$0.5M capex in the first year
- g) note that if either of the proposed Long-term Plan environmental protection options are adopted that this additional expenditure represents around one third of the proposed kauri dieback investment and will be prioritised above track improvements, upgrades and other aspects of the programme such as landowner support, station upgrades and washdown facilities
- h) request staff to provide an update on kauri dieback management across the region and the implications for currently proposed closures in the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park and Hunua Ranges Regional Parks by April 2018
- i) note that the status and continuance of the closures, and council's management strategy, may be reconsidered when the Regional Parks Management Plan 2010 comes up for review in 2020, without limiting any other review.