



STAFF REPORT

TO: Environment & Planning Committee

FROM: Dennis Bush-King, Environment & Planning Manager

REFERENCE: S611

SUBJECT: **MANAGER'S REPORT - REPORT REP11-03-08** - Report prepared for meeting of 10 March 2011

1. LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Submissions have been lodged on the following statute amendments which the Government has released in recent months and which will impact on local government environment and planning business:

Alcohol Law Reform (submissions closed 18 February 2011)
Aquaculture Law Reform (submissions closed 11 February 2011)
Biosecurity Act Amendment (submissions closed 10 February 2011)

We did not, or not able to lodge submissions on the

Building Act Amendment (submissions closed 4 March 2011)
Environmental Protection Authority Bill (submissions closed 28 January 2011)

2. ANIMAL HEALTH BOARD REPORT

Annex 1 contains the January 2011 report on the Tb vector control programme in Tasman.

3. PROPOSED NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT ON BIODIVERSITY

The Government has released for submissions a proposed National Policy Statement on Biodiversity. The proposed NPS is intended to provide clearer direction to local authorities on their responsibilities for managing indigenous biodiversity under the Resource Management Act 1991. It outlines policies and decision-making frameworks for the identification and management of indigenous biodiversity found outside the public conservation estate.

The proposed NPS contains a list of criteria for identifying areas of indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous animals that have been recognised as being rare and/or threatened at a national level. These criteria are based on the Government's *Statement of National Priorities for Protecting Rare and Threatened Biodiversity on Private Land*. The proposed NPS requires district and regional plans

to identify these areas of significant biodiversity within five years of the NPS taking effect. This potentially cuts across the work we have done with land owners and the Tasman Biodiversity Forum. We may need to use the "where practical" opt-out.

Local authorities would be required to manage the effects of activities through district and regional plans and resource consent decisions (or be satisfied that effects are managed by other methods) to ensure there is no net loss of significant indigenous biodiversity.

Submissions close on 2 May 2011. A presentation will have been in Richmond on 3 March. Staff will prepare a submission.

4. WATER RATIONING

As at time of writing, we have, after two days, removed Stage 1 restrictions from the Motupiko catchment. Restrictions have also come off in Golden bay because of the rain but Stage 1 restrictions remain in place for the Waimea Plains. I will give an update at the meeting.

5. CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE

Environment and Planning staff have been deployed to help with the recovery phase following the 22 February earthquake in Christchurch. Hopefully those who remain will have the capacity to maintain services to Tasman customers but if there are issues we will keep customers informed.

6. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this report REP11-03-08 be received.

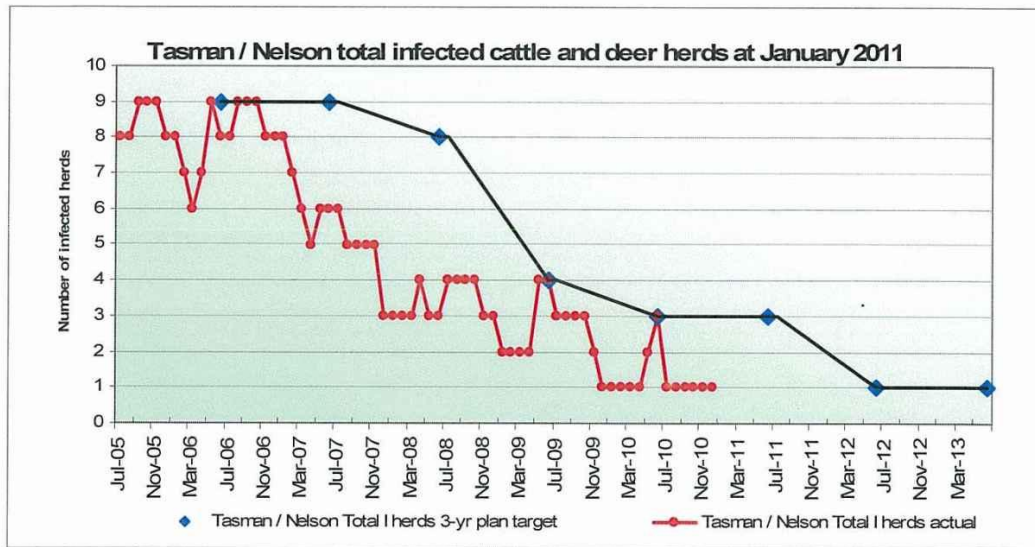


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Animal Health Board Programme Management Monthly Report for Tasman: January 2011

To: Paul Wylie, Chief Executive, Tasman District Council
 From: Ron Walker, Acting Programme Manager, West Coast Tasman
 Date: 11 January 2011

1. PROGRESS TO STRATEGY OBJECTIVES



2. VECTOR CONTROL

2.1 Approved programme for Tasman for 2010/11

	Approved Projects	Approved Hectares (Ha)
Possam Control	14	84,524
Possam & Ferret surveys	0	0
Pig Surveys	0	0
Performance Monitor	10	62,317
Trend Monitor	16	89,780

Two additional trend monitors are being tendered. Mid Motueka has been re-tendered as an output (performance monitored project) and Murchison South is being sole-negotiated as an input project.

2.2 Activities completed in January

	Possum Control (Ha)	Performance/Trend Monitors (Ha)	Ferret & Possum Surveys (Ha)	Post Mortems	Pig Survey (Ha)	Total Hectares	Value (\$)
Upper Takaka North	nil	8050	nil	nil	nil	8050	31,578
Upper Takaka Additon	nil	3559	nil	nil	nil	3559	36,314
Motupiko	nil	5705	nil	nil	nil	5705	7,000

Vector Operations summary to date:

- Six output ground control operation and associated performance monitors have been completed.
- Three ground control operations are in progress.
- Five trend monitors have been completed and eleven remain to be completed in February/March 2011.

3. 2010/11 TENDER ROUNDS

84% of the ground control contracts tendered for the period between January and June 2011 have been accepted by local contractors, with 16% of the contracts still in negotiation; all associated performance monitors have been awarded and accepted by local contractors.

Two additional trend monitors have been approved for East Takaka Brooklyn and Golden Bay; these will be tendered in February 2011.

