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**TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL MANAGEMENT OF PLANT PESTS, UNWANTED FUNGI, AND UNWANTED INSECTS AS THEY PERTAIN TO VEGETATION ON COUNCIL-OWNED PROPERTY POLICY – ADOPTED MAY 2009**

**Implementation**

In order to effectively achieve the objectives of the policy, the following actions will occur:

- 1) Adoption and monitoring of a Council-wide approach to the management of plant pests, unwanted fungi and unwanted insects
- 2) Recording and annual reporting to Council of plant pest, unwanted fungi and unwanted insect management activities
- 3) Ongoing trials and consideration of alternative methods such as companion planting
- 4) Continual review of maintenance activities such as the removal of plant pests and the mowing of Council reserves near erosion-prone areas. When sections of vegetation are removed, whether gradually or all at once, replanting with suitable species or succession planting should take place to mitigate any increase in erosion risk (eg on the lakeshore, river and stream edges, stormwater channels etc)
- 5) A community focused education and communications programme aimed at encouraging consideration of alternative methods of plant pest, unwanted fungi and unwanted insect control on private property. The programme will include the opportunity for the community to provide feedback on Council's control methods
- 6) An education and communications programme advocating for the minimisation of chemical spray use by other organisations and landowners
- 7) When possible, communication to the public, in advance, of planned control activities
- 8) Ongoing provision of signage on site of control activities
- 9) Continued communication with the residents on the chemically-sensitive residents' register
- 10) Consideration of this policy when implementing other Council strategies and policies such as
  - a. The Draft Lake Taupo Erosion and Flood Strategy (2009)
  - b. Annual Asset Management Plans (Levels of Service for Amenity Plantings; Cemeteries; Parks and Reserves; and Sports Grounds and Facilities)
  - c. The Tree and Vegetation Policy (2005)
  - d. Reserves Management Plans
- 11) Development of a no-spray register which contains resolutions and strategic decisions pertaining to Council-nominated no-spray geographical zones.