

# Pest management review FOR Taranaki



## Good Neighbour Rules

The *Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki* includes new 'Good Neighbour Rules' that require land occupiers, including the Crown, to prevent pests from affecting environmental or agricultural values on adjacent properties. See *Factsheet 3* to read more about the Plan.

### National regulations around the Rules

Good Neighbour Rules must comply with the *National Policy Direction for Pest Management 2015* and the Council must be satisfied that land occupiers follow them in regard to:

- Whether a pest's spread would cause unreasonable costs to occupiers of adjacent land.
- That the occupiers of adjacent land take reasonable measures to manage the pest or its impacts.



*Giant gunnera*

Pest	Boundary distance	Values being protected
Brush-tail possums	500m	Pastoral production, animal health, biodiversity
Common pampas	2000m	Plantation forestry, biodiversity
Giant buttercup	5m	Dairy pastoral production
Giant gunnera*	500m	Biodiversity, riparian
Gorse	10m	Pastoral and arable production
Kahili ginger*	1000m	Biodiversity
Nodding thistle	100m	Pastoral and arable production
Old man's beard*	10m	Biodiversity, riparian
Plumeless thistle	100m	Pastoral and arable production
Purple pampas	2000m	Plantation forestry, biodiversity
Variiegated thistle	5m	Pastoral and arable production
Wild broom	10m	Pastoral and arable production
Yellow ginger*	5m	Biodiversity
Yellow ragwort*	20m	Dairy pastoral production

\* Applies to Crown land only as private land occupiers are covered by another (general) rule to help Taranaki achieve wider control for environmental weeds and ragwort.



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Requirements that manage the spread of pests relate only to avoiding unreasonable costs to adjacent land occupiers.

The Council must also consider:

- Land use and values to be protected on adjacent properties.
- Appropriate boundary control distances based on the biological characteristics and dispersal of pests.
- The cost of compliance relative to biological values being protected.

### Good Neighbour Rules and the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki

The Plan contains Good Neighbour Rules for 14 pests, with the proposed boundary distances reflecting their biological characteristics, dispersal, spread, and control requirements.

#### Pest management on Crown-owned land

Good Neighbour Rules are the only pest rules that are binding on the Crown. The Crown's inclusion in Good Neighbour Rules will help manage the spread of pests.



*Land occupiers must prevent pests from affecting 'values' on adjacent properties*

Crown property represents about 20% of Taranaki land and is predominantly managed by the Department of Conservation.

KiwiRail, the New Zealand Transport Authority and Land Information New Zealand are also significant Crown land occupiers in this region.