Appendix A - Council Delivery Models, Management Objectives, and Relevant RPMP Rules

Councils	Delivery model	Management Objective	Relevant RPMP rules
Waikato Regional Council	100% Contractor	Sustained Control (within priority possum control areas) - Site-led (Hūnua Ranges)	**General rules** **POSS-1** No person shall possess a live common brushtail possum in the Waikato region. **POSS-2** Occupiers within a Waikato Regional Council Priority Possum Control Area (PPCA) shall, on direction from an authorised person: A. allow authorised person(s) to control possums on their property B. not impede or hinder the progress of such control operations. **POSS-3** Occupiers of land within a PPCA (proposed or active) shall, on direction of an authorised person: A. allow authorised person(s) to carry out pre- and/or post-control monitoring on their property B. allow authorised person(s) to carry out monitoring for biodiversity, catchment and production outcomes on their property C. not impede or hinder the progress of monitoring operations. **Good Neighbour Rule POSS-4** Occupiers within the Waikato region shall control common brushtail possums to a 5% Residual Trap Catch within 500 metres of land managed for production and/or environmental purposes, where the adjacent or nearby occupier is taking reasonable measures to manage possums on the land they occupy. Note: 1. A breach of these rules will create an offence under section 154N(19) of the Act. 2. Enforcement will be in accordance with section 9 of the Plan.

			Explanation of the purpose of the rules Rules POSS-1 to POSS-3 and GNR POSS-4 are in accordance with sections 73(5)(e) and 73(5)(m) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 and will assist in protecting investments in possum control within the Waikato region by ensuring common brushtail possums remain at or below a level that protects economic wellbeing and environmental values. These rules also allow authorised person(s) to monitor common brushtail possum population densities, to ensure the spread of common brushtail possums to adjacent properties is minimised. **Site-led rules: Common brushtail possum objective and rules** **Objective** Over the duration of this Plan, common brushtail possums (Trichosurus vulpecula) shall be managed within the Hūnua Ranges Pest Management Area to protect values in place to prevent adverse effects on the sustainability and recreational enjoyment of natural ecosystems on public parkland, and the ecological processes and biological diversity. **Rules HŪNUA-3** In the Hūnua Ranges Pest Management Area, no person shall: ● cause or permit common brushtail possums to be in a place where they are offered for sale or exhibited (without a permit), ● sell or offer common brushtail possums for sale, or ● breed, or multiply common brushtail possums or otherwise act in such a manner as is likely to encourage or cause the breeding or multiplication of common brushtail possums.
Bay of Plenty Regional Council	None	Not in the RPMP	Not in the RPMP BOPRC does not enforce the control of advisory species. It is the landowner/occupier's responsibility to manage these pests.
Horizons Regional Council	Mixed contractor/ council staff model with a ratio of 67:33	Sustained Control (region-wide)	**Good Neighbour Rule 5.22.1** All occupiers of: - Non-rateable land adjacent or within the Possum Management Area; or - Rateable land to which a Horizons Possum Control Operation has been denied access;

			Must ensure that possum density is maintained, on average, below 10% Residual Trap Catch (or equivalent measure of possum abundance) on the land they occupy within 200 m of the boundary of an Affected Occupier, or have an Approved Management Plan in place to manage the spread of possums, where the Affected Occupier is undertaking Reasonable Measures to control possums on the land that they occupy. Reasonable measures include the land being subject to a current Horizons Possum Control Operation.
Taranaki Regional Council	Landowner/ occupier model Self-help Possum Control Programme TRC undertakes initial control operations to reduce possum numbers to at least a 5% residual catch rate. Farmers are then required to keep possum numbers below a 10% catch rate. TRC staff continue to monitor maintenance work, and if necessary, the Council will enforce the requirement.	Sustained Control (region-wide)	**General Rule for the Self-Help Possum Control Programme 6.6.3.1** A land occupier in the Self-Help Possum Control Programme must maintain possum numbers present on their land to below a 10% residual trap catch. **Good Neighbour Rule 6.6.3.2** A land occupier must maintain possum numbers present on their land to below a 10% residual trap catch within 500 metres of their boundary: - to protect adjacent production and indigenous biodiversity values; AND - where an adjacent land occupier is in the Self-Help Possum Control Programme and is maintaining possums present on their land to below a 10% residual trap catch, AND - excepting any property or part of a property east of the Self-Help Possum Control Programme boundary or in an urban area. Contravention of these rules creates an offence under section 154(N)(19) of the Act.
Environment Southland	Mixed contractor/ council staff/ Landowner/ occupier model with a ratio of 13:36:51	- Sustained Control (region-wide) - Site-led	**Plan Objective 10** Over the duration of the Plan, sustainably control possums in the Southland region to: (a) ensure population levels do not exceed 5% Residual Trap Catch within areas shown on Map 7 - Appendix 1; and (b) 10% Residual Trap Catch within the areas shown on Map 7 - Appendix 1. to minimise any adverse effects on economic and environmental values.

			Plan Rule 22 An owner and/or occupier within an area shown on Map 7 - Appendix 1 as a 5% Residual Trap Catch area shall control possum densities on the land they occupy at or below 5% Residual Trap Catch. A breach of this Rule creates an offence under Section 154N (19) of the Act. **Plan Rule 23** An owner and/or occupier in an area shown on Map 7 - Appendix 1 as a 10% Residual Trap Catch area shall control possum densities on the land they occupy at or below 10% Residual Trap Catch. A breach of this Rule creates an offence under Section 154N (19) of the Act.
Hawkes Bay Regional Council	Landowner/ occupier model HBRC monitors the possum population in Hawke's Bay to identify areas requiring greater control. However, they do not control possums on private land.	- Eradication (within eradication areas) - Sustained Control (within possum control areas) - Site-led (at sites of ecological importance)	**Objective 3** Over the duration of the Plan, eradicate possums within those areas identified as Possum Eradication Areas in accordance with the Hawke's Bay Regional Possum Control Technical Protocol (PN 4969), to minimise adverse effects on environmental values and economic well-being within the Hawke's Bay region. **Plan Rule 2** All occupiers within a Possum Eradication Area identified in the Hawke's Bay Regional Possum Control Technical Protocol (PN 4969) shall maintain possum eradication status in accordance with that Protocol. **Objective 11** Over the duration of the Plan, sustainably control possums contained within Possum Control Areas to ensure population density on that land is at or below 4% residual trap catch with no more than three possums in a single monitoring line, to minimise adverse effects on environmental values and economic well-being within the Hawke's Bay region. **Plan Rule 14** An occupier within a Possum Control Area (Figure 11 above) shall maintain possum densities on their land at or below 4% residual trap catch with no more than three possums in a single monitoring line, in accordance with the Hawke's Bay Regional Possum Control Technical Protocol (PN 4969). This rule does not apply if the property is under active possum management by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council or OSPRI. **Plan Rule 15 Note: This is designated a Good Neighbour Rule** Except where an occupier of land has entered into a Written Management Agreement approved by Hawke's Bay Regional Council, an occupier within, or adjacent to, a PossumControl Area, shall, on receipt of a written direction from an Authorised Person maintain possum densities on their land at or below 5% residual trap

			catch with no more than three possums in a single monitoring line in 500 metres of the adjoining property boundary where the occupier of the adjoining property is also maintaining possum densities on their land at or below 5% residual trap catch. This rule will not apply to any occupier where possums are being actively managed by HBRC or OSPRI at or below 4% residual trap catch.