

Auckland Regional Pest Management Plan 2020-2030 exemption issued under Section 78 of the Biosecurity Act 1993

Exemption holder	Exemption applies to all persons.
Exemption issued by	Phil Brown
Date issued	22 December 2022
Exemption summary and description	<p>This exemption provides for pet animal species that are also declared pests to be transported within the Auckland region, in accordance with the conditions set out at the end of this exemption, solely for the purposes of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) seeking veterinary care; or b) relocating to new permanent premises with their existing owner (i.e. when the owner moves house); or c) providing temporary care for the animal (for example while the owner is away on holiday). <p>The exemption covers the temporary recipients of the animals (e.g. vets, pet-sitters, animal boarding facilities) as well as the pet owners. Where ownership is changing hands (e.g. rescue centers), a separate exemption must be applied for, using this exemption application form.</p> <p>It has never been Auckland Council's policy intention to prevent pet animals from receiving necessary vet care, moving house with their owners, or receiving adequate care while owners are away on holiday. However, this is not explicitly stated in the Regional Pest Management Plan, therefore this exemption provides certainty to pet owners about how the plan's rules will be implemented.</p>
Address to which exemption applies	Exemption applies to all properties throughout the Auckland region, except those on Aotea Great Barrier, where section 7.2.1 of the Regional Pest Management Plan still applies.
Rule(s) to which exemption applies	<p>7.7.3.2.2. No person shall distribute or release (or cause to be released or distributed), any bearded dragon within the Auckland region.</p> <p>7.7.3.3.2 No person shall distribute or release (or cause to be released or distributed), any blue tongued skink within the Auckland region.</p> <p>7.7.3.8.2. No person shall distribute or release (or cause to be released or distributed), any eastern water dragon within the Auckland region.</p> <p>7.7.3.14.2. No person shall distribute or release (or cause to be released or distributed), any Indian ring-necked parakeet within the Auckland region.</p> <p>7.7.3.17.2. No person shall distribute or release (or cause to be released or distributed), any monk parakeet within the Auckland region.</p> <p>7.7.3.24.2. No person shall distribute or release (or cause to be released or distributed), any rainbow lorikeet within the Auckland region.</p> <p>7.7.3.26.2. No person shall distribute or release (or cause to be released or distributed), any red-eared slider or other sub-species of <i>Trachemys scripta</i> within the Auckland region.</p> <p>7.7.3.29.2. No person shall distribute or release (or cause to be released or distributed), any snake-neck turtle within the Auckland region.</p>

	<p>Note the exemption relates only to the distribution component of the above rules, and only in relation to the circumstances outlined above and when complying with the conditions set out below. It does not provide an exemption for release.</p> <p>This also serves as an exemption to the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area Notice as it applies to people living on inner gulf islands. The Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area Notice and section 7.2.1 of the Regional Pest Management Plan still apply on Aotea Great Barrier.</p>
Reason for exemption	The council is satisfied that granting the exemption will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the plan's objectives; and the requirement has been substantially complied with and further compliance is unnecessary.
Expiry	31 December 2030, or when the Regional Pest Management Plan 2020-2030 is replaced, whichever is earlier.
Conditions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transport of animals is only provided for in this exemption for the purposes of seeking veterinary care, moving house or providing temporary care for an animal. 2. At all times during transport and at their temporary location, animals must be securely contained in such a manner that they cannot escape. 3. In the event of any accidental escape, where the animal is not immediately recovered, Auckland Council must be notified as soon as practically possible, being not more than 24 hours, via pestfree@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Note: The exemption given by this notice is given under section 78, and does not constitute an exemption from the requirements of any other relevant legislation (including regulations). It is the responsibility of the Exemption Holder to be familiar with and comply with any other applicable legislation (e.g. Animal Welfare Act).