



Biosecurity Advisory Groups

Championing biosecurity in Canterbury

Role of the groups:

- provide advice on the management of agricultural and biodiversity pests
- advise on emerging pest threats
- champion the implementation of the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan (CRPMP)
- provide a public forum for discussion of biosecurity matters of concern
- liaise with local communities and provide community feedback and recommendations on the Biosecurity programme (including policy, operational plans and on-the-ground activities)
- support and champion good biosecurity practices
- participate in promotional and educational programmes to improve community understanding of biosecurity management issues
- engage with other groups and committees that are involved or interested in pest management.

Meetings

- Meetings will be open to the public.
- Other groups and agencies will be invited to provide updates (eg, Department of Conservation or Land Information New Zealand).
- The group will prepare the agenda, with assistance from Environment Canterbury staff.
- The meetings are not a forum for CRPMP compliance issues or complaints.



Purpose of the groups

Support the delivery of an effective Biosecurity programme for the Canterbury region and encourage community involvement in biosecurity in Canterbury.

The groups are advisory in nature and recommendations do not bind Environment Canterbury.

There are 4 groups: North, Central, Christchurch & Banks Peninsula, and South.

Group membership

- Between 7 - 10 community members.
- 1 to 2 Papatipu Rūnanga representative based on interests in the area, nominated by the relevant Rūnanga within the area.
- 1 elected member appointed by Environment Canterbury.
- 1 elected or staff representative nominated by each Territorial Authority operating within the Biosecurity Advisory Group area.

Selection of group members

- Community members are selected by a working group of Environment Canterbury Councillors.
- Territorial Authorities recommends their representatives.
- Rūnanga recommend their representatives.
- Environment Canterbury appoints their representatives.

Chair and deputy chair

- Establishment chair (first year of the groups) will be selected by Environment Canterbury. May either be an Environment Canterbury Councillor or another individual with suitable leadership or biosecurity background.
- Following this, the chair and deputy chair will be appointed by the groups by majority.
- The chair has a term limit of 6 consecutive years.

Term and remuneration

Members have a three-year term, in line with the local government elections.

Remuneration for community and Rūnanga members will be paid per meeting, set at the following levels:

- Chair \$250
- Community and Rūnanga members (including deputy chair) \$150.
- In addition, mileage will be reimbursed for community and Rūnanga members.

See the Terms of Reference for full details.

Find out more at www.ecan.govt.nz/biosecuritychampions