

BIOSECURITY STRATEGY 2018

Working to protect Southland from harmful species



? Why manage biosecurity?

- ▶ Reduce and avoid costs to local economy from harmful species
- ▶ Protect indigenous biodiversity and ecosystems
- ▶ Reduce general nuisance and human health impacts
- ▶ Improve the community's enjoyment of natural areas

✓ We will

▶ Provide regional leadership

- ▶ Coordinate and develop cost effective management approaches with agencies and our community
- ▶ Improve our knowledge and ability to identify and manage threats
- ▶ Manage and monitor current and upcoming biosecurity issues

▶ Connect people to biosecurity solutions

- ▶ Undertake the education and advocacy programmes to increase community's understanding of their biosecurity role and engagement in biosecurity actions
- ▶ Environment Southland is recognised as a credible source of biosecurity information, advice and assistance

▶ Ensure appropriate regulatory tools are in place

- ▶ An effective policy framework is in place and enforced when needed
- ▶ Environment Southland staff are accredited under the National Pest Plant Accord and warranted under the Biosecurity Act
- ▶ Additional pathway plans, site led programmes and pest management plans are developed in response to regional and community needs