

Pest management



As well as delivering a safer and more resilient highway, Te Ara o Te Ata - Mt Messenger Bypass Project is treading lightly on the land and helping the forest bounce back after years of serious damage caused by pests.

We're implementing an enduring pest management programme over 3,650ha, which extends from the coast to almost 10km inland.

This will:

- offset the ecological effects of the construction and operation of the bypass
- support the forest's recovery from pest damage
- improve the diversity of native plants and animals (including long-tailed bats, kiwi and lizards).

Partnering with Ngāti Tama, we're targeting deer, goats, wild pigs, feral cats, possums, ferrets, stoats, weasels and rats.



We're building a 250km network of tracks, with bait stations every 150m. A combination of ground and aerial pest control operations, along with hunting, will reduce the numbers of all significant pests to low levels.

Our pest management mahi is part of a comprehensive environmental programme that includes restoration planting and care for native species, as we aim to leave the project area in a much better condition for generations to come.

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