



Advance Notice of preapproval requirement and contract opportunity

by: Waikato Regional Council

for: Pest Animal Control – Northern, Central and Southern Sectors and Halo Programme 2026/2027

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Advance Notice released: 8 December 2025

Closing Date: 6 January 2026

Waikato Regional Council
160 Ward Street
Hamilton

The opportunity

What we need

The Waikato Regional Council (the Council) contracts pest animal control operations through its Priority Possum Control and Halo programmes.

The Council runs competitive tenders, annually, for each Priority Possum Control Area (PPCA) and its Halo programme, in the Northern, Central and Southern Sectors. Contractors must be preapproved to be notified of and submit a tender response to any RFP. The successful tenderer(s) is contracted to deliver performance-based possum or rat control.

The Council is wanting to hear from suitably qualified contractors who would be interested in becoming prequalified in order to be eligible to tender for performance-based pest animal control for any of the PPCAs or Halo programme tendered in the Northern, Central and Southern Sectors for the 2026/2027 financial year. See Appendix 1 for a map of the Sectors. Not all PPCAs in each sector are worked each year, with timing of operations triggered by trend monitoring (where PPCA areas exceed the 5% RTC threshold). The Halo programme delivers regular pulsed rat control across the areas.

What's important to us?

The Council seeks providers who have the capability, experience and capacity to deliver quality, performance-based pest control operations, on time and to budget.

Contractors must become preapproved by the Council for pest animal services in order to be eligible to submit a response to any subsequent tenders for the services. Council anticipates advertising two tenders for the Northern, Central and Southern Sectors for 2026/2027; one in early February and one in July 2026.

Why should you become pre-approved to bid

This is an opportunity to become preapproved to tender for Council's performance-based pest animal control contracts in the region's Northern, Central and Southern Sectors.

Currently the Council predominantly undertakes possum and rat control. The Council may extend this control to new PPCA from time to time.

Interested? What's next?

We intend to go to market and issue an RFP in February and July 2026. The opportunity will be advertised on the Government Electronic Tenders Service (GETS).

If you are interested in this opportunity, you must register your interest with our contact person via email by **5pm, Tuesday 6 January 2026**. At this point, the contact person will share further details about the preapproval application process with you.

Contact Person

Name: ICM Directorate – Biosecurity Section

Email address: PPCA@waikatoregion.govt.nz

What if I am currently not a Council Preapproved Biosecurity Contractor for Pest Animal Services?

You must apply to become a Council Preapproved Biosecurity Contractor for Pest Animal Services. Council must receive your application for preapproval no later than **6 January 2026**. If you are not a preapproved contractor by **1 February 2026** you are not eligible to tender for this contract(s).

What do I need to do if I am already a Council Preapproved Biosecurity Contractor for Pest Animal Services?

If you are already a Council Preapproved Biosecurity Contractor for Pest Animal Services then you do not need to do anything, you will be eligible to tender for Northern, Central and Southern Sector and Halo programme opportunities. You will be automatically notified of the RFP listing on GETS in February 2026.

Appendix 1

