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**Kāpiti Coast District Council submission to EPA on biological control agent for Sydney golden wattle**

Sydney golden wattle (*Acacia longifolia*) is still relatively uncommon around the Kāpiti Coast but is known from some coastal sites, Waikanae Park and along the Expressway.

Given we have 40km of sand dune/coastal ecosystems and the widespread nature of Sydney golden wattle in the neighbouring Manawatu region, we expect this will become an important ecological weed in our district in the near future, unless control measures take place.

We support the application made by Horizons Regional Council for a biological control agent to control Sydney golden wattle as ultimately this will also benefit the Kāpiti Coast District by reducing the threat of Sydney golden wattle to these sensitive coastal ecosystems.

Kāpiti Coast District Council appreciates the opportunity to support the Horizons Regional Council application for a biological control agent for Sydney golden wattle. We do not wish to speak to our submission at the hearings.

Yours sincerely



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