



Resident's Survey - Your answers will help us with the development of a possum eradication management plan. Please take the time to complete this survey.

Name (optional):

Physical Location:

Background Information:

Please tick one of the following boxes which best describes the property within which you live:

- I / we rent or own a house in one of the Peninsula settlements (eg. Company Bay, Harwood)
- I / we rent or own an area of land of less than 2 hectares
- I / we rent or own an area of land between 2 - 10 hectares
- I / we rent or own an area of land between 10 – 20 hectares
- I / we rent or own an area of land greater than 20 hectares

1. Please rank, in order of importance to you, what of the following animals pests are most in need of control. (1 = most important, 5= least important)

- Possums
- Rabbits and hares
- Mustelids (stoats and ferrets)

Cats

Rats

2. Please explain why the highest ranking of these animal pests selected in (1) so important to control?

3). Do you consider possums to be a growing problem on the Otago Peninsula?

4) If you answered yes to (3), why do you consider possums to be problem on the Otago Peninsula?

Destroying native vegetation

Eating native bird's eggs and chicks

They are a carrier and spreader of bovine tuberculous

Other.

5) Do you control possums on your property?

Yes

No

6) If you answered 'yes' to (6), what sort of action does this include?

Shooting

Trapping

Poisoning

Other

7) Is this work carried out by you / family or a contractor?

Self / Family

Contractor

8) Would you – in principle - support a programme of possum eradication on the Otago Peninsula?
Why?

Yes

No

9) If a possum eradication programme was to take place on your property, what method of control
would you most prefer? Why?

Shooting

Trapping

Poisoning

Don't care

10) When considering a possum eradication programme, what are the most important considerations to
you?

Cost

Effectiveness and completeness

Humane treatment / animal welfare

Minimisation of environmental effects

11) Would you have any concerns about a possum eradication programme on the Otago Peninsula?

12) Would you want to actively participate in such a programme, by **taking responsibility** for the control of possums on your property? *For people in residential areas this could, for example, mean setting cage traps that capture possums alive, with a contractor coming to take them away.*

Yes

No

13) Would you want to actively participate in such a programme, by **paying for a contractor** to control the possums on your property?

Yes

No

14) Would you want to be part of a voluntary group that undertakes activities related to possum control on the Otago Peninsula?

Yes

No

15) Other comments?

PLEASE SEND THIS SURVEY TO:

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