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## Biosecurity Plan consultation

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A draft plan which aims to guide invasive plants and animal management on Cape York is now open for community feedback.

The draft Cook Shire Local Area Biosecurity Plan 2017-2021 was completed following an extensive consultation phase. "This plan guides the delivery of Council's operational works program, and applies to everyone living, working or visiting our area," Cook Shire Council Senior Biosecurity Officer Cathy Johnson said. "Cook Shire is a key entry point into Australia for invasive plants and animals that pose biosecurity risks on human health, social amenity, the economy and the environment. "Cape York is also threatened by invasive species present to the south and west that are not yet present in Cook Shire."

The Biosecurity Plan would encourage the understanding of both legislative responsibilities and the need for integrated and coordinated pest management, Ms Johnson said. "The plan lays a framework for all stakeholders to follow by establishing objectives developed through community consultation and identifies ways for all land managers to work cooperatively together," she said.

The draft plan is available on Council's website or hard copies can be viewed at Council's office at 10 Furneaux Street, Cooktown or at shire libraries. Feedback must be in writing and must be submitted by Sunday, July 9, 2017.

For more information contact Council's Biosecurity Services team via email at [biosecurity@cook.qld.gov.au](mailto:biosecurity@cook.qld.gov.au) or phone on 4069 5444.

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