

From: [Callum Booth](#)
To: [Lucy Casley](#); [Maxine Joubert](#)
Cc: [Petra Strydom](#); [Grant Schmidt](#); [Sharvari Abhyankar](#)
Subject: RE: Willow control 2026 - Te Henga Wetland - Sampling and Monitoring 25 February 2026
Date: Friday, 27 February 2026 2:35:09 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Maxine,

I am also available

Ngā mihi | Kind regards

Callum Booth

Compliance Officer – Compliance l West

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Subject: RE: Willow control 2026 - Te Henga Wetland - Sampling and Monitoring 25 February 2026

Hi Maxine,

Yes, I'm available

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

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From: Maxine Joubert <xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>
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Subject: RE: Willow control 2026 - Te Henga Wetland - Sampling and Monitoring 25 February 2026

Hi Lucy and Callum,

Appreciate the work you have put into this to date.

The next flagged spray day is set for Tuesday 3 March. Are you both available to undertake monitoring again then if it goes ahead (weather dependent)?

This time round you should be able to see the spraying in action and meet the drone operators. They will also have their own H&S advice for you re the spraying. I will find out more and let you know as soon as possible.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

Maxine Joubert (*she/her*) | **Principal Specialist Environmental Monitoring**
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From: Maxine Joubert

Sent: Tuesday, 24 February 2026 4:12 pm

To: Callum Booth <xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>; Lucy Casley
<xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>

Cc: Petra Strydom <xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>; Grant Schmidt
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<xxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>

Subject: RE: Willow control 2026 - Te Henga Wetland - Sampling and Monitoring 25 February 2026

Hi Lucy and Callum,

Details as follows for sampling and monitoring the Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate 25 February 2026 (tomorrow) at the Te Henga Wetland.

A second round of sampling will need to be undertaken on Thursday 26 February 2026 for post- sampling comparisons.

Equipment & PPE

- Sampling pole & bucket & other equipment as usual
- Sample bottles (100ml Watercare bottles) x 2 (extra in case along with some larger bottles if needing to use the sampling pole to decanting).
- PPE
 - Long longs (pants and shirt)
 - Eye protection (precautionary – there should be no spray drift)
 - P2.5 masks (precautionary – there should be no spray drift)
 - These were being brought through to the office this afternoon – Callum should have these from Brett.

Itinerary

25 February 2026

- Meet at Albany office

Head to [REDACTED] to take first sample for between 8 am and 8:30 am.

- 1 x sample (upstream)
- Contact landowner [REDACTED] if need be but [REDACTED] is expecting you.
- Sample will be [REDACTED]
- Head to Te Henga Walkway Car Park and further down Bethells Road there should be closer access to the Waitakere River (to take a downstream sample)
 - Unsure of access – it looks like a good location, but you may need to walk around a bit to find the best spot.
 - 1 x sample (downstream).
- Spraying will start at 9am
 - See attached Map – area 1 on the map will be sprayed tomorrow.
 - Head along Bethells Road to a good vantage point to view the spraying for 15 – 20 minutes.
 - Main idea is to have some presence for the community.

26 February 2026

- Head to site at a convenient time (morning probably best)
- Take samples at the same to locations (upstream and downstream)
 - 2x samples

Regulations to Check Compliance against

- See attached 'Regulations'
- You only need to check the yellow highlighted rules / regulations (not very much and some may not be possible tomorrow).

As discussed, there are some disgruntled community members, so if you feel unsafe at any time please leave the site.

Let me know if you have any questions. I will have my phone on me tomorrow so feel free to reach out if you have any queries.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

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From: James Watson <xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx>
Sent: Tuesday, 24 February 2026 8:26 am
To: Maxine Joubert <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx>; Petra Strydom
<xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx>
Cc: Grant Schmidt <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx>; Laura Scaife
<xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx>
Subject: RE: Willow control 2026 - Te Henga Wetland

Hi Maxine

Callum Booth will be attending to assist the EMO.

Can you advise who is going and the timings involved.

Regards.

James Watson

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From: Maxine Joubert <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx>
Sent: Monday, 23 February 2026 3:42 pm
To: James Watson <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx>; Petra Strydom
<xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx>
Cc: Grant Schmidt <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx>; Laura Scaife
<xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx>
Subject: RE: Willow control 2026 - Te Henga Wetland

Thanks James for clarifying – and I hope you recover quickly.

At this stage all items to monitor are permitted. I will send more details tomorrow.

The site will be granted a Mat Pan (under section 87(b)(b)) issued today.

We will also be taking water samples and testing for glyphosate (Watercare labs). This has been approved by Rob. We will need to take samples before and after the spraying to get a baseline and post spraying levels (upstream, at spraying location, and downstream) – so 6 samples in total. Watercare have confirmed they need 100ml samples in plastic bottles.

A kayak may be required for sampling in the wetland at the spraying location. I will confirm after speaking to Matuku Trust.

I suggest PPE of a P2.5 mask (while they are spraying), eye protection, and long longs.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

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Sent: Monday, 23 February 2026 1:59 pm

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Cc: Grant Schmidt <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>

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Hi Maxine

I will not be able to attend due to an injury (I am in a moon boot). I can potentially get another compliance officer to attend.

It was my understanding that a compliance officer was to assist the regional environment officer. This is what I was advised.

I was also advised that the principal specialist of pollution was to provide some sort of checklist.

To date I do not have any copy of what their permit/resource consent conditions are so the CO will be unaware of what to actually monitor.

If you could advise on what to monitor and which EMO will be attending, I will pass this onto whoever Grant suggests should also attend.

Regards

James Watson

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To: James Watson <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>; Petra Strydom <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>
Subject: FW: Willow control 2026 - Te Henga Wetland

Hi James,

See below for the proposed spraying dates for Te Henga Wetland.

- The forecast for coming **Wednesday 25th of February** is looking favourable to do the willow control drone spraying. They will work on the willows on the Mokoroa arm (northern part) of the wetland.

- The rest of the week the weather forecast is with either too much rain or too much wind to do any work. The next day which currently looks like a possibility is Tuesday 3rd of March. We will let you know closer to the time.

Do you have sufficient PPE to monitor this activity? Ideally you would have coveralls, mask, goggles (just in case of spray drift).

I am also thinking one of our team should attend site with you due to vexatious community members, but also so all bases are covered and there are two of you on site for H&S purposes.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

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From: Robert Laulala <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>

Sent: Monday, 23 February 2026 1:09 pm

To: Maxine Joubert <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>

Subject: FW: Willow control 2026

FYI on the spraying program ahead.

The spraying spans across multiple properties so any staff attending will just need to inform the property owners.

Any questions let me know

Rob

**Robert Laulala | Manager Environmental Monitoring
Licensing & Compliance**

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From: Annalily van den Broeke <xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx>
Sent: Monday, 23 February 2026 12:30 pm
To: Annalily van den Broeke <xxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx>
Subject: Willow control 2026

Tēnā koutou katoa
Hello all

Following up on last week's email:

- The forecast for coming Wednesday 25th of February is looking favourable to do the willow control drone spraying. They will work on the willows on the Mokoroa arm (northern part) of the wetland.
- The rest of the week the weather forecast is with either too much rain or too much wind to do any work. The next day which currently looks like a possibility is Tuesday 3rd of March. We will let you know closer to the time.

Ngā mihi nui,

Annalily van den Broeke
Project Manager Matuku Link
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Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 3:36 PM
To: Annalily van den Broeke <xxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx>
Subject: Willow control 2026

Tēnā koutou katoa
Hello all

The survey over the wetland identified that last year's willow control has been very successful. The remaining 20% of crack willows will be dealt with in the next couple of weeks, as the summer has been wet and windy up till now. This will require approximately 5 days of spraying, with the first possible spray day Wednesday 25th of February - of course work will only proceed if all weather conditions are favourable. Signs have been erected today as requested by the community. The Boffa Miskell monitoring report done after the 2025 willow control can be [downloaded from the website](#) as well.

For those of you new to this email list:

We promised to keep you informed about the spray part of our willow control project aimed at increasing habitat for native species, including the matuku-hūrepo (bittern), the puweto (spotless crake), pateke (brown teal) and many others. Since 16th January 2025 there have been 10 days of drone spraying of the largest clusters of willows on private land, on days when the weather was favourable, with products approved by the EPA (Environmental Protection Authority) and Auckland Council and done by David Hall from Phylogeny who has all the appropriate certifications to do this work.

Water samples have been taken and results are on our website (less than 0.0010 mg/litre which is the same as before the spraying).

We've sent this information to those who requested updates via email. If you'd like to be added to our mailing list, please contact us at xxxxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx. More information can also be found on our website: www.matukulink.org.nz/pest-plant-control, contact us if you have other questions.

Ngā mihi nui,

Annalily van den Broeke

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