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Tracy Livingston
Via fyi.org

Dear Tracy

I refer to your request of 5 August 2019 for information relating to 1080 operations in Dart, Routeburn and Caples Valleys.

We have transferred part of your request to Queenstown Lakes District Council. Part of the information to which your request relates is believed to be more closely connected with the functions of the Council. In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the OIA to transfer your request.

The part of your request that have been transferred to Queenstown Lakes District Council is as follows.

Question: I noticed that Glenorchy water supply previously had no e.coli bacteria present in its water supply, but since 1080 aerial poison drops, coincidentally now is showing e.coli in the town supply which required the water to be chlorinated. One explanation is that the poisoned dead animals end up in water ways and cause contamination that way - has this been ruled out in this instance? Does the District Council consider this a 'one off/coincidence'?

1) <http://www.glenorchycommunity.nz/news/latest/show/121/battle-for-our-birds-doc-update/>

2) <https://www.odt.co.nz/regions/queenstown/ecoli-found-glenorchy-water-supply>

You will hear further from Queenstown Lakes District Council concerning those parts of your request. They can be contacted at informationrequest@qldc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

Department of Conservation