



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

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T Benseman
Via fyi.org

Dear Mr Benseman

I refer to your official information request of 17 September 2017 regarding 1080 in the Murchison Mountains.

You asked:

Why is no 1080 poisoned food spread in the 50,000 hectare Special Takahē Area in the Murchison Mountains.? Please send me reports which support this decision.

The Department has focused on trapping as the primary form of predator control in the Murchison Mountains - the entire 50,000 hectares Special Takahē Area is now covered by a stoat trapping network. For this reason, predator control decisions have centred around optimising trapping rather than considering other methods such as 1080, and we must therefore decline your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

The Department is continuing to test and refine the effectiveness of trapping in support of wild takahē adult survival, and other methods of pest control have not been ruled out should they prove necessary for takahē conservation in the future.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me at this email address.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Department's website.

Yours sincerely

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