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Tēnā koe Wendy Pond

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your official information request dated 20 April 2022 requesting copies of the applications related for copies of permissions granted for use of VTAs and chemical poisons on Moehau during 2021-2022.

Our response to your request is below:

1. Please provide copies of permissions granted for use of VTAs and chemical poisons on Moehau during 2021-2022.

I enclose the following information covered by your request (as attachments)

- **Permission granted 30 July 2020 to Mist Preservation Society Incorporated for the Mist Reserve Project**
- **Permission granted 23 June 2021 to Mist Preservation Society Incorporated for the Mist Reserve Project 2021**
- **Permission granted 5 November 2021 to EcoFX for the Moehau Possum and Rat Control Operation 2021. Please note that this permission was granted by Toi Te Ora Public Health, as the Waikato DHB Public Health Unit no longer undertakes functions relating to VTA permissions because of the COVID-19 workload. Public Health, Waikato DHB, holds a copy of the permission granted and we have included this in the information provided.**

Some of the information you have requested has been withheld under the Official Information Act 1982. This is in relation to information that could identify individual persons by name, contact number or their locations.

- section 18(a) and 9(2)(a), which enables information to be withheld if this is necessary *“to protect the privacy of natural persons and this is not outweighed by any public interest in its release”*.
- section 18(a) and 9(2)(ba)(i) *“to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment were making the available of the information would likely prejudice the supply of similar information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; and this is not outweighed by any public interest in its release”*.



You have the right to request the Ombudsman investigate and review the decision to withhold the information. The Ombudsman's postal address is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
P O Box 10-152
WELLINGTON

Waikato DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publically funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. L. N.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Riki Nia Nia

Executive Director Maaori, Equity & Health Improvement