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Tēnā koe Ryan

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Minister of Conservation of 5 August 2022 regarding the upcoming Moehau 1080 operation. You requested the following:

Please provide documented evidence showing fully signed and dated consent to administer and deploy poison along with names and contact details of the living men and women as well as any corporate entity which ultimately gave the assumed consent to deploy 1080 POISON on Moehau for this proposed drop including any company or individual which stands to gain any form of financial remuneration from the poison operation including but not limited to their crown and corporate affiliates and any contractors companies or participants to the operation acting as agents as defined in section 16 of the Secret Commissions Act 1910 and include confirmation that all relevant and necessary disclosures have been made in relation to their obligations within the meaning of the Act and made available under this request with full transparency to show that no benefit is being derived by any providing consent or being awarded contracts either directly or indirectly.

Please provide documented evidence that either you as minister in your full unlimited professional and personal capacity, persons or corporation named on the consent have the authority to administer natural land of substance and deploy known toxins by aerial application where Living Men and Women are present in their natural state and can administer that land as a claim of right including but not limited to exercising their inalienable rights & moral obligations to protect Our living land providing resource and sustenance for We the living men and woman on behalf of our families for the benefit of Our future to be free from toxic trespass.

On 8 August your request was transferred to the Department of Conservation (DOC).

As you may be aware, DOC is currently completing a 1080 operation across 4,600 hectares to protect vulnerable native species such as frogs, kiwi, and bats at Moehau. Introduced predators and browsers present a constant threat to our forests and protecting them requires



persistent effort. 1080 is biodegradable, dilutes rapidly in water, and is proven to have significant benefits to native species and habitats over large, inaccessible areas.

I respond to each part of your request below.

Please provide documented evidence showing fully signed and dated consent to administer and deploy poison

I am providing you with the two consents required for the Moehau operation: the DOC consent (and variation) and the Public Health Unit consent. I have decided to release the relevant parts of these documents, subject to certain information being withheld under the following sections of the Official Information Act:

- Some names of officials, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people,
- Some names of officials, under section 9(2)(g)(ii) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act and determined there are no public interests which outweigh the grounds for withholding.

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You can find the names of the staff members who approved the two consents on the consent documents we are providing to you. The contact details for DOC and Te Toi Ora are hamilton@doc.govt.nz and enquiries@toiteora.govt.nz respectively.

[C]onfirmation that all relevant and necessary disclosures have been made in relation to [the obligations of any contractors' companies or participants to the operation acting as agents] within the meaning of the [Secret Commissions Act 1910] and made available under this request with full transparency to show that no benefit is being derived by any providing consent or being awarded contracts either directly or indirectly.

I am unable to provide this information, as the Department's agents are not obliged to confirm to us that they have made all relevant and necessary disclosures under the Secret Commissions Act, and so the Department does not hold any information that would confirm whether the Department's agents have made any necessary disclosures. The Department also has no reason to believe that any necessary disclosures have not been made. I am refusing this part of your request in accordance with section 18(g) of the Official Information Act, as the information is not held by the Department.



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It is the Director-General of Conservation who has been granted permission by the Chief Executive of the Environmental Protection Authority, to use sodium fluoroacetate (1080) at Moehau, being land managed and administered by the Department of Conservation. This is under section 95A of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996. Under the Conservation Act 1987, the Director-General has all powers that are reasonably necessary or expedient to enable the Department to perform its functions, including the power to control any introduced species causing damage to any indigenous species or habitat. It is therefore the Director-General, and not the Minister of Conservation, that has been named on the permission document to use 1080 on public conservation land.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

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

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Aikman'.

Hilary Aikman
Director Operations Issues and Programmes
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai



Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	15 November 2021	Variation to Permission ID 6738612: Moehau rat and possum control operation	Released in part
2	3 August 2021	Permission ID 6738612: Moehau rat and possum control operation	Released in part
3	5 November 2021	Permission for use of VTAs and other hazardous substances – Moehau possum and rat control operation 2021	Released in part