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Ms Leonie Exel
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Dear Ms Exel

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 20 June 2019. You requested the following:

On the "1080 Science" website a paper from 2014 is cited where dogs were fed 1080 poisoned carcasses of a rabbit, then a hogget. I am not sure if this study was conducted by DOC or just quoted in a DOC publication. Could you advise please as perhaps I should direct this query to MPI?

If you have a copy of this paper I would be grateful for a copy, or any advice on where I can find it.

Firstly, we apologise for the delay in responding. Despite efforts to locate your original request, we have been unable to confirm it was received by the Department.

The study on the "1080 Science" website was not conducted by the Department. However, we can confirm it was quoted in a 2014 Department Application for Resource Consent, as part of an assessment of environmental effects. We believe the research was conducted over 60 years ago and have traced secondary sources referring to it as far back as an article in the Journal of the Department of Agriculture of Victoria (May, 1959). This cites experimental work by McIntosh, I. G; Staples, E. L. J. 1958 : 1080 dosing of sheep (Unpublished Internal Report. Wallaceville).

The Wallaceville Animal Research station closed over 15 years ago. Despite reasonable efforts, we have not been able to find a copy of the paper. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18 (e) of the Official Information Act. As you suggest, the Ministry for Primary Industries may be able to advise further, or you might be able to find the above paper at the National Library.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amber Bill'.

Amber Bill
Director, Biodiversity Threats
for Director-General