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Kathy White
Waikato Regional Councillor for Taupo-Rotorua
Chair, Environmental and Services Performance Committee
Waikato Regional Council

Dear Kathy,

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, which was transferred to the Department from Manaaki Whenua on the 17 December 2018. You requested the following information;

“Has the issue of accumulated citrate and its impact on nitrogen fixation been considered in the Predator Free 2050 decision-making process? The programme has dramatically increased 1080 use in terms of area and amount of bait used per hectare, and therefore it’s possibly causing increased nitrogen inputs to water”.

Predator Free 2050 is a coordinated and collaborative approach to predator control across New Zealand. This approach combines current community efforts with central and local government, iwi, OSPRI, non-government organisations, businesses, as well as science and research organisations. The Department of Conservation is responsible for facilitating the overall programme.

The Department is still developing the PF 2050 strategy, with public consultation currently being sought to shape how we tackle this ambitious challenge as an ‘all-of-NZ’ team. It is likely that the PF 2050 strategy will focus on five distinct workstreams, which are outlined in the discussion document. The consideration of accumulated citrate and its impact on nitrogen fixation has not been considered, but would sit within the Science, Innovation and Improvement workstream.

If you have not done so already, you can visit the link below to view the discussion document. We encourage you to give your feedback.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/all-consultations/2018/predator-free-2050-discussion-guide/>.

Yours Sincerely,



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