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Dear Mr Bensemen

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 3 December 2018. You requested the following:

'can you please provide a map of the area in the Waingakia and any other areas of the Raukumara that have been poisoned with 1080, (doc employee Graeme Atkins has stated publicly this was in the 1990s and covered 9000hecs.) Before sending the map please mark the campsite where the Tangata Whenua were recently flown into the Waingakia to show them the devastation you think was caused by possums and rats which you have not monitored. Please also outline on the same map the range of the wild cattle which were farmed in the Raukumara Conservation area for many decades and the names of the people or organisations who were farming these animals in the Ngahere'

A map you requested identifying areas where 1080 operations have occurred within the Raukumara Forest Park and he location 'where the Tangata Whenua were recently flown into the Waingakia...' (marked as 'campsite' on the map) is attached.

You will note this area does not include the Waingakia catchment, as although a 1080 operation was proposed here this did not occur, with ground control preferred.

Regarding the range of wild cattle and names of people or organisations farming cattle, this information is not held by the Department of Conservation (section 18(g) of the OIA refers).

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

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