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Dear Andrew

Request to extend time allowed to release dung beetles approved

This letter is to advise you that your request for a time limit extension on ERMA200599 has been approved.

On the 2 February 2016, you advised the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) that six species of dung beetle (see Table 1) have not yet been released into the New Zealand environment. You requested an extension on the five year time limit to release those six species under the approval for Application ERMA200599.

Under section 38(3)(b) of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996 the EPA may, following an application by any person, extend the time limit for a further period of up to five years.

On the 16 March 2016 a sub-Committee of the HSNO Committee approved the extension of the time limit on the approval for Application ERMA200599 for a further five years. The Committee agreed that the original assessment of risks, costs and benefits still applies and the approval to release the dung beetles has been extended until 2 February 2021.

Table 1: Dung beetle species approved to be released

Species	Approval code
<i>Onthophagus vacca</i>	NOR100003
<i>Euoniticellus fulvus</i>	NOR100005
<i>Bubas bison</i>	NOR100007
<i>Bubas bubalus</i>	NOR100008
<i>Copris hispanus hispanus</i>	NOR100009
<i>Copris lunaris</i>	NOR100010

I note that for the five species of dung beetles that have been released into the New Zealand environment prior to 2 February 2016, no extension is required. In addition, no further HSNO Act approval is required to release further individuals of those species.

Yours sincerely

 Environmental
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Te Mana Rauhi Taiao

Dr Deborah Read
Chair
HSNO Decision-making Committee