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Dear Randall

Request to extend time allowed to release *Anthonomus kuscheli*

This letter is to advise you that your request for a time limit extension on APP201363 to import and release two weevils, *Berberidicola exaratus* and *Anthonomus kuscheli*, as biological control agents for Darwin's barberry (*Berberis darwinii*) has been approved.

On 8 May 2017 you advised the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) that releases have been made of *Berberidicola exaratus* but the other weevil, *Anthonomus kuscheli* has not yet been released into the New Zealand environment. You requested an extension on the five year time limit to release these two species under the approval for Application APP201363.

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 20 June 2017 a sub-Committee of the HSNO Committee approved the extension of the time limit on the approval for Application APP201363 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 weevils has been extended until 3 October 2022.

I note that *Berberidicola exaratus* has been released into the New Zealand environment prior to 3 October 2017 and no extension is required. In addition, no further HSNO Act approval is required to release further individuals of *Berberidicola exaratus*.

Yours sincerely,

Environmental
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Te Mana Rauhi Taiao

Dr Louise Malone
Chair
HSNO Decision-making Committee

