



# SUBMISSION FORM

For Hazardous Substance and New Organism Applications

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<b>Submission on application number:</b>	APP202879 - PredaSTOP
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- I support the application
- I oppose the application
- I neither support or oppose the application

**The reasons for making my submission are<sup>1</sup>: (further information can be appended to your submission, see footnote).**

Southland Regional Council wishes to strongly support the application by Connovation Ltd to reassess the notification requirements for feral cat control operations from 3km to 500m. There is an increasing desire in Southland to implement feral cat control within a range of council projects (Pest Control Areas and site led programmes), landowner control programmes as well as the various community groups. The current notification condition of 3km severely restricts it's use and effectiveness of the overall operational objectives.

The current notification requirement is one of the main reasons we have not used or promoted PredaSTOP (PAPP) to date. Therefore the requirement to only notify those within 500m of a bait station will make it less labour intensive and more efficient to carry out operations. ES will continue to provide extensive consultation with those immediate properties to ensure advice and information is provided particularly around the potential threat to domestic cats

Currently the main control method for cats is trapping which has the same level of risk to domestic cats as PAPP but does not have the same level of public notification. Trapping is also known to be very labour intensive and less efficient with many landowners losing interest due to the need to regularly maintaining traps.

Cats are known to have a significant impact on native wildlife in New Zealand as well as their ability to carry and transmit disease such as Toxoplasmosis.

**All submissions are taken into account by the decision makers. In addition, please indicate whether or not you also wish to speak at a hearing if one is held.**

- I wish to be heard in support of my submission (this means that you can speak at the hearing)
- I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission (this means that you cannot speak at the hearing)

**If neither box is ticked, it will be assumed you do not wish to appear at a hearing.**

**I wish for the EPA to make the following decision:**

Approve the application to change the regulations relating to the use of Predastop as per application APP202879

<sup>1</sup> Further information can be appended to your submission, if you are sending this submission electronically and attaching a file we accept the following formats – Microsoft Word, Text, PDF, ZIP, JPEG and JPG. The file must be not more than 8Mb.

