

APP202879 - PredaStop for feral cats

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What is your position on the application

Position

I oppose the application

Notes

I believe that Connovation, suppliers of PredaSTOP, aka PAAP, (poison for cats!) has asked EPA (Environment Protection Authority of Auckland Council) that the current minimum distance of 3 km be reduced to 500 meters. This distance is from where anyone can set a poison baited trap from any dwelling/s and they must notify all residents in a radius of 3km. It is unreasonable and quite ridiculous to ask for it to be reduced at all. More importantly, this poison should NOT be allowed to be purchased and used at all, anywhere, by anyone! It is highly unlikely that anyone setting a poison trap is going to tell other people and it could easily fall into the wrong hands. Please do not allow this poison to be used in New Zealand. This is not "conservation" this is blatant destruction of an eco-friendly animals. It is a shame that there is so much ignorance and hysteria about cats. There are no statistics that can be provided on the amount of birds that cats kill. No one counts them. There is no valid reason to take the life of one animal to protect another. Definitely not conservation. New Zealand could really learn something from Jane Goodall and Marc Bekoff. Marc is a Professor Emeritjs of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Colorado and a former Guggenheim Fellow. His credentials as an ethologist and behavioural ecologist continue to shine and he is a scientific advisor to numerous institutions and organisations worldwide and he has written many books and articles. Marc contends that conservation is ethically challenged when it comes to the treatment of nonhuman animals, but also maintains that compassion for animals isn't incompatible with preserving biodiversity and doing the best science possible. He describes the 4 principles of compassionate conservation as: 1. Do no harm 2. Individual animals matter 3. All wildlife has intrinsic value 4. Promote peaceful coexistence I cannot believe that the ignorant rhetoric that is currently being spread about cats. It is infuriating and revolting that what is meant to be a "Conservation Department" is set on spreading this poison around. Between 1080 and PredaSTOP we should be known as the country of "poison" not "Clean green New Zealand" which is definitely not the case. Poisons seep into the ground. The MDS sheet on "PredaSTOP" states that it is very toxic to terrestrial vertebrates and harmful to aquatic life and is a horror story to read. I understand that it can take 45 minutes for an animal to die from this ghastly cruel poison. I absolutely object to the spreading of any poison in New Zealand. It is our country and we have a right to want to care for it and want real conservation. Mankind seriously needs to learn to butt out of the ecosystem and stop meddling and interfering with it. Cats are eco-friendly and control rabbits, mice, rats and other pests. Cats are regarded as sentient beings and it makes no difference of they are wild or domestic, they still feel pain, suffering and emotions the same as we do. Poisoning them is evil, sadistic and sick. It beggars belief that there is so much negativity and untruths being spread about cats. It is a great shame that someone like Gareth Morgan can influence so many naive gullible people into believing his ignorant rhetoric. I have had a lot of cats in my time and know from experience that cats mainly catch rats and mice because they are easier to catch. My cats have caught very few birds and never a native bird. I have lived in my current residence for 15 years and in that time there has been a lot of cats and also birds and they have not diminished. There are many people who say the same thing. The last word belongs to William Lynn, Research Scientist in Ethics and Public Policy at Clarke University; "As an ethicist I care about both native wildlife and cats. It is time to stop blaming the victim, face up to our own culpability and seek to 'rewild' our world with an eye to the ethics of our action. There is no justification for a war on outdoor cats, feral or otherwise, based on shaky science and an absence of ethical reasoning". I believe that Connovation, suppliers of PredaSTOP, aka PAAP, (poison for cats!) has asked EPA (Environment Protection Authority of Auckland Council) I absolutely object to cat poison being used. I also object to the current minimum distance of 3 km be reduced to 500 meters where anyone can set a poison baited trap from any dwelling/s. It is highly unlikely they will notify all residents in a radius of 3km. It is unreasonable and hideous for it to be reduced at all. This poison should NOT be available for purchase at all, anywhere, by anyone! Please do not allow this poison to be used in New Zealand. This is not "conservation" but blatant destruction of eco-friendly animals. It is a shame that there is so much ignorance and hysteria about cats. There are no statistics available on the amount of birds that cats kill. No one could count them. There is no valid reason to take the life of one animal to protect another. Definitely not conservation. New Zealand could really learn something from Jane Goodall and Marc Bekoff. Marc is a Professor Emeritjs of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Colorado and a former Guggenheim Fellow. His credentials as an ethologist and behavioural ecologist continue to shine and he is a scientific advisor to numerous institutions and organisations worldwide and he has written many books and articles. Marc contends that conservation is ethically challenged when it comes to the treatment of nonhuman animals, but also maintains that compassion for animals isn't incompatible with preserving biodiversity and doing the best science possible. He describes the 4 principles of compassionate conservation as: 1. 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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.

Position

No I do not wish to speak about my submission at the hearing

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The submitter have elected to withhold their personal details from publication.