



# SUBMISSION FORM

For Hazardous Substance and New Organism Applications

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Submission on application number:	APP202879 - PredaSTOP
Name of submitter or contact for joint submission:	Stirling Smidt
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 I wish to keep my contact details confidential

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The EPA is likely to post your submission on its website at [www.epa.govt.nz](http://www.epa.govt.nz). We also may make your submission available in response to a request under the Official Information Act 1982.

- 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).**

There is a significant rodent problem where we are.

Fortunately, 4 years ago, our neighbour's cat incorporated our house into her patrol zone and for 3 years, she left many dead mice and large rats outside our back door. She was a chunky British Shorthair; good at mousing but not good at climbing. We have lots of big trees in our yard and had free access to botanic gardens but she never went for birds because they spend their time up in the big trees. She became part of our family too. Seven months ago, she and many other neighbouring cats suddenly were 'run over'. This caused us much heartache and also the number of rats and mice rumbling around the garden and under the house massively increased. After 3 months of searching for a lovely new cat, we got one from a breeder and she's happily settled in. I've built a 2m high (probably) cat-proof fence around our section and she spends most of her time inside. We don't have children and a cat does far less damage to the environment than a human so, on any logical level we're being at least more environmentally responsible than the average family. There is a risk that our cat might get out and be killed by someone's PredaStop and I think that's unacceptable. As comparison, would you be happy if someone was to dish out free poisoned sweets near schools? It should be illegal to use PredaStop within 5 km of any property without written permission less than one year since signing from that property owner.

**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:**

Ban PredaStop use unless all nearby (within 5km) neighbours have expressly given written permission within the last year to use it.

<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.