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## Official Information Act Request

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request received on 23 November 2020, for the following information:

- “-OIA for all animals harmed or killed by 1080 in the past 10years in nz,*
- OIA for the mount pirongia regional drop.*
- OIA for all Farms with live stock that got effected and/or harmed by 1080*
- OIA for 1080 found in Native birds*
- OIA for all water ways that 1080 has been dropped into.*
- OIA for all animal habitats effected by the 1080 blanket drops.”*

Your request has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Sodium fluoroacetate (1080) is one of the most closely monitored substances in New Zealand. It helps to protect our native flora and fauna by controlling pests. There is no record of every single animal that is harmed or killed by its use, although we do know they are overwhelmingly pests, such as possums, rats, stoats and rabbits.

Each time 1080 is used in an aerial operation, the operator must submit a report to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) no later than six months after the operation. These reports must report on any complaints or incidents that occurred during the operation. These reports are published on the EPA's website at: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/resources-and-publications/1080-aerial-operators-reports/>.

The Mt Pirongia operation occurred on 25 September 2020. The operational report is due to be submitted to the EPA by 25 March 2021 and will be published on the website as soon as possible after we receive it.

Since 2008 we have published annual reports summarising aerial 1080 operations. These can be found here: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/resources-and-publications/monitoring-and-reporting>. Further information about 1080 is available here: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/everyday-environment/animals-and-insects/1080/>.

I am therefore refusing your request under sections 18(d) of the OIA, as much of the information you have requested is or will soon be publicly available, and section 18(e) of the OIA as the remainder of the information sought does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you have any further queries, or more specific information you are interested in, please do not hesitate to contact us via [ministerials@epa.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@epa.govt.nz). We will publish your request and our response on our website, <https://www.epa.govt.nz>, within 10 working days from today. We make OIA responses available so others can read more about the work we do and the questions we are asked. Any information that might identify you will be removed to protect your privacy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "SQuayle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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