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Official Information Act Request

Dear ██████████

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

“Please advise:

The N.Z combined total of landscape hectares implemented with aerial 1080, based on individual / singular treatment in areas receiving a double dose, for the suppression or eradication of mammalian pest between Jan 2015 and April 2020.”

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

The response to your request follows.

Information the EPA receives about aerial 1080 operations is included in the post operation reports that we receive from the operators or the annual report which we prepare on these operations.

All of these post operation reports are publicly available and are published on our website at: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/resources-and-publications/1080-aerial-operators-reports/>. Available data in the post operation reports includes the area covered by individual aerial 1080 operation in specific operations.

Our annual reports on aerial 1080 operations include the total area covered each year, including the total area covered regionally, and the total area covered by DOC, Ospri or councils. The annual reports are published on our website at: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/resources-and-publications/monitoring-and-reporting/?tag=322>. The most recent report, published in December 2019, covers the 2018 calendar year.

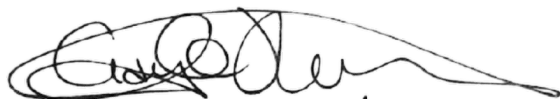
If an operation is planned to be done over stages and the required permissions have been obtained, then the application of 1080 will be staged as planned. Such information will be available in the post operation report, which will include a section on each stage to list the treated area and the dates of 1080 application.

Regarding the request for information up to April 2020, please note that the operators have a window of 6 months after the completion of the aerial 1080 operation to submit their post operation report to the EPA. For example, any operators completing aerial operations in April 2020 will have until October 2020 to submit their post operation report. We publish the post operation reports on our website when we receive them and check them for completeness. We expect to publish the EPA annual report on aerial 1080 operations for 2019 towards the end of this year once all the information is available.

As you are able to access this information yourself, I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the OIA (the information is publicly available).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via ministerials@epa.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gayle Holmes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gayle Holmes
General Manager
Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement