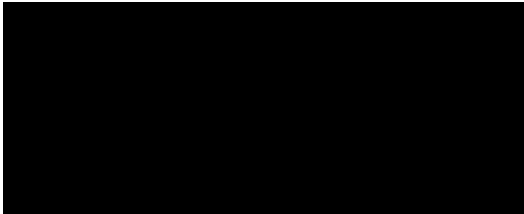




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The Minister of Conservation has asked me to reply to your email of 26 September 2016 expressing concern at the use of aerial 1080.

I want to refer you to the recent report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment; <http://www.pce.parliament.nz/publications/update-report-evaluating-the-use-of-1080-predators-poisons-and-silent-forests>

This objective report was developed through several years of research into the issues you have raised. Some of the conclusions reached in the report are that 1080 does not build up in the environment, seldom causes by-kill when applied with modern controls and does not endanger people when the regulatory process is followed.

I appreciate your concerns are genuine, and that you are motivated by your desire to ensure that iconic native species such as kea and kiwi are protected. There is however, a very substantial body of evidence that has been rigorously reviewed, independently of DOC, to give assurance that aerial 1080 is a safe and effective tool to protect native wildlife.

Yours sincerely

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