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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 26 May 2025, in which you asked for:

*"Please read the following link*

*<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B6c0s3UWOsTXaS02NzRMLW8xNXc/edit?pli=1>*

*This is a link to Quinns Testimony, a well referenced critique of Aerial Poisoning, written over 16 years ago which to my knowledge has never been rebutted by any scientist in the*

*Mainstream Scientific Community in New Zealand. In my judgement Quinns Testimony is probably the best critique of Aerial Poisoning written but there are plenty of others including 14 books which clearly explain why all Aerial Poisoning Operations should stop.*

*Make sure you forward this official information request to they key people in DoC, ZIP and your Technical Advisory Group and provide me with a serious rebuttal from a respected and qualified scientist."*

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA). You asked for a serious rebuttal of Quinns Testimony from a respected and qualified scientist. I recommend that you refer to the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment's independent review into the use of 1080.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment is independent of the government of the day and is supported by a staff of respected and qualified scientists. The report systematically assessed 1080 for its effectiveness, safety and humaneness and is available on their website: <https://www.pce.parliament.nz/publications/evaluating-the-use-of-1080-predators-poisons-and-silent-forests>.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my response by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the OIA.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on DOC's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ben Reddiex".

Ben Reddiex  
Director National Programmes  
Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*