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Ref: OIAD-5357

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 24 June 2025, in which you asked:

"The DoC Safe operations/operating plan; managing risks to visitors as well as vulnerable visitors, including yet not limited to steps 1-10 (as per VRM) for sodium fluoroacetate (1080) as well as the author/s responsible."

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA).

I am providing you with the Pukunui 1080 Operational Plan for Rakiura, August 2025, which outlines how DOC is addressing the risks related to the use of 1080 bait in this predator control operation. The section on public safety can found on pages 25 and 26, along with associated task specifications which are listed in Section D, from page 35.

Please note that sections of this document have been redacted under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the Official Information Act to protect Ministers, officials, and employees from undue pressure or harassment.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	August 2025	Pukunui 1080 Operational Plan Rakiura August 2025.	Released in part

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

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

Nāku noa, nā

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Te Papa Atawhai

