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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 30 June 2025, in which you asked for:

- 1. Full scope of work carried out in Rakiura over the past 20 years using ground based 1080 including maps of areas treated and the years these areas were treated. .*
- 2. How much 1080 bait was used and where it was laid.*
- 3. The percentage of 1080 in each bait.*
- 4.. Pre and post monitoring methods and results.*
- 5. All information / fact sheets provided to the community during the ground based 1080 pest management project/s*
- 6. How and when was independent monitoring was carried out on work that contractors have done.*
- 7. Who did the independent monitoring of contractors including their credentials.*
- 8. What monitoring of native wildlife (land, water) took place - the scope and results and species monitoring during this time.*
- 9. Was bait laid along the shore line and onto beaches?*

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

I regret that I am not able to provide you with the information you seek. As your request covers 20 years of information, it would require substantial collation and research in order to respond. This would additionally require assessment for release, redaction, and third-party consultation. I do not think with this in mind, it is in the public interest to divert the level of staff time that would be required to respond to this request. We do however encourage you to submit a refined request for information regarding past ground-based predator control operations.

I have borne in mind section 18B of the Official Information Act but concluded that use of this provision would not assist in this case.

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) may be published on DOC's website.

If you would like to discuss this response with us, please contact GovernmentServices@doc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Fleming', is positioned above the printed name.

Aaron Fleming MNZM
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Te Papa Atawhai