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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 13 July 2025, in which you asked questions regarding the use of deer repellent in the 1080 trial site.

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

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. Was deer repellent used in the toxin drop last week from the 6th July onwards?

Yes. Deer repellent was used as advised in the community update sent to you on 23 July 2025. A copy of the *Update on delivery of aerial predator control* previously provided is available at [Updates — Zero Invasive Predators \(ZIP\)](#).

2. Does the bait with deer repellent have a different colour and odour?

The toxic bait which includes deer repellent is the same colour as the toxic bait without deer repellent. That is because green dyed bait is known to deter birds from eating it.

There is a difference in the odour of the bait with and without deer repellent.

3. Which area was sown with deer repellent - please provide a detail map showing flight paths of helicopters?

Please see **Map 1** below.

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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Map One – Deer Repellent Flight Paths

