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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 29 August 2025, in which you asked for scientific references to kiwi and 1080 research and questions regarding formal education credentials.

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

### **Research on 1080 and Kiwi**

Several studies have examined 1080's potential impacts on non-target species. All significant research, including that on kiwi, is summarised within the *1080 Pesticide Review document*. The reference list includes details of all the research papers summarised. I have attached the *1080 Pesticide Review document*.

For a summary of the kiwi research referenced in this document, please refer to Section 3.2.3, "What evidence is there to suggest that use of 1080 causes, or doesn't cause, a population decline of native species at sites where it is used?". You will find kiwi references on pages 39-41, 53, and 59.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of this document, subject to information being withheld to prevent undue pressure on officials, under section 9(2)(g)(ii).

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA and determined there are no public interests that outweigh the grounds for withholding.

### **Education and Qualifications**

Regarding your question around my knowledge base and education, DOC draws on the expertise of professional scientists and published researchers to evaluate current scientific knowledge, not managers.

However, I do hold a reasonable understanding on ecological matters. I have a Master of Science (MSc) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in vertebrate pest ecology. I have also spent several years working as a scientist at Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research and subsequently worked in pest management related roles.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Reddiex".

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*Te Papa Atawhai*