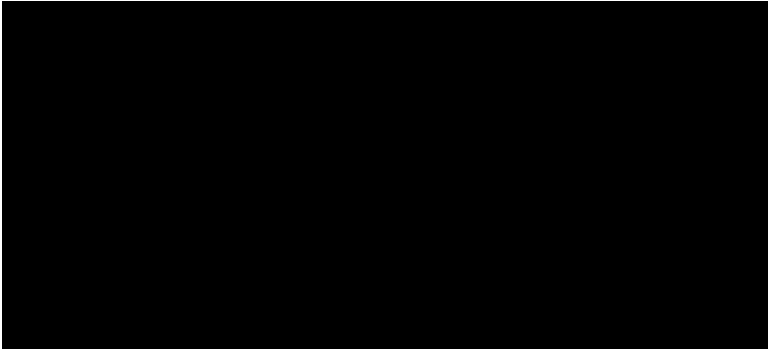


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Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 26 June 2017.

You requested the following from the 2016 Survey of New Zealanders: *the numbers and percentages of respondents in the Waikato region who answered the pest control questions*

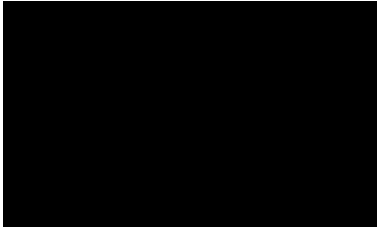
There were 278 respondents from the Waikato region and the percentage of respondents by category is as below:

***Q: There are a number of ways that species that are considered to be pests can be controlled. For each of the possible ways listed below, please indicate your general attitude to the Department of Conservation using this method of Pest Control.***

	Hunting	Trapping	Poison bait laid by hand	Poison bait spread by aircraft	Herbicide sprayed from aircraft	Herbicide sprayed from the ground
Should never be used in any circumstances	2%	2%	4%	32%	28%	5%
Should only be used as a last resort	2%	4%	12%	30%	31%	15%
Am reasonably comfortable with this method as long as appropriate controls are in place	36%	35%	48%	28%	29%	54%
Have no concerns at all about this method	57%	56%	32%	8%	7%	23%
Don't know	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	4%
Total - top 2 positive categories	93%	91%	80%	36%	36%	77%

If you wish to discuss this with the Department, please contact Michael Harbrow on phone number [REDACTED] or by email [mharbrow@doc.govt.nz](mailto:mharbrow@doc.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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