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Tēnā koe Wendy

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your official information request dated 20 April 2022 requesting copies of the applications related a full copy of applications by DoC for permission to use VTAs and chemical poisons on Moehau for the years 2021-2022, including the communication logs.

Our response to your request is below:

1. Please provide a full copy of applications by DOC for permission to use VTAs and chemical poisons on Moehau for the years 2021—2022. Please include the communication logs

The documents covered by your request are attached:

- **Application for a health permission (and associated documents) by EcoFx for the Moehau Possum and Rat Control Operation, dated 27/5/21**
- **Updated application for a health permission (and associated documents) by EcoFx for the Moehau Possum and Rat Control Operation, dated 13/10/21**
- **Communications plan**
- **List of Iwi consulted.**

Some of the information you have requested has been withheld under the Official Information Act 1982. This is in relation to information that could identify individual persons by name, contact number or their locations.

- section 18(a) and 9(2)(a), which enables information to be withheld if this is necessary *“to protect the privacy of natural persons and this is not outweighed by any public interest in its release”*.
- section 18(a) and 9(2)(ba)(i) *“to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment were making the available of the information would likely prejudice the supply of similar information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; and this is not outweighed by any public interest in its release”*.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman investigate and review the decision to withhold the information. The Ombudsman’s postal address is:

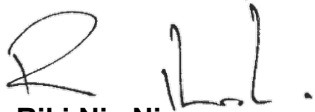
The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
P O Box 10-152
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of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. N. N.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Riki Nia Nia

Executive Director Maaori, Equity & Health Improvement