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Clyde Graf
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Dear Clyde Graf

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request dated 13 November 2017 relating to 1080 tests undertaken on animals.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) does not hold any video footage or photos taken of animals while being poisoned to measure the humaneness of 1080 poison, anticoagulant poisons or any other poisons.

In accordance with section 18(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), your request for this material is refused on the grounds that the information requested is not held by the Ministry and MPI has no grounds for believing that the information is held by any other department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

You ask if MPI is aware of any studies undertaken to measure the humaneness of 1080 poison, or any other poison, in the last 10 years. The following information is released to you under the OIA:

- K E Littin & C E O'Connor, Guidelines for Assessing the Welfare Impacts of Vertebrate Poisons, August 2002 (attached as a PDF)
- C E O'Connor, A T Airey & K E Littin, Relative Humaneness Assessment of Possum Poisons, July 2003 (attached as a PDF)
- P Fisher, A Airey, J Turner. Project CO124/2006: Improved humaneness of vertebrate toxic agents. Landcare Research Contract Report 0607/139, May 2007 (attached as a PDF)



- How humane are our pest control tools? (09-11326) MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Technical Paper No:2011/01 available on line at:
<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/4009-how-humane-are-our-pest-control-tools>

The research listed above has been published in scientific journals and as such is publically available.

You also ask for the names and email contact addresses of any organisations that may have footage and or photos of animals being studied while poisoned. MPI suggests that you contact the authors of the reports supplied to you, directly.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to refuse part of your request.

Yours sincerely



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