



## Prime Minister

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Ref: PMO 333-2018

Dear T Benseman

### Official Information Act request relating to 1080

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 3 December 2018. You requested:

*Are you aware that the 1080 poison approval process has avoided Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) as stated in Appendix C of the EPA approval process?*

*And if you are aware, what monitoring have you put in place to protect the New Zealand Public water supplies and food supplies from this wide spread toxin?*

*Also, are you aware that both the USA and NZ manufacturers of 1080 and 1080 baits both state in their Material Safety Data Sheets to AVOID contamination of any water supply. Are you also aware that the USA manufacturers state any poisoned animals bodies must be buried under 3 feet of earth at least one half mile from any water supply or human habitation? Now given these facts and the above avoidance of GLP for 1080, along with DOC and OSPRI's use of 1080 toxin in New Zealand water supplies, Kai gathering grounds, farms, rivers, lakes, how comfortable are you with this product being in your food chain?*

*Do you take an oath to take personal responsibility for the growing number of adverse affects that this 1080 toxin is having on New Zealand and the people within New Zealand?*

I have interpreted your request as seeking Official Information held by the Government, and by extension whether the Government is aware of the matters you have raised. Therefore, the Office of the Prime Minister considers that the information that you have requested is more closely connected to the functions of the Department of Conservation. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer your request to the Department of Conservation.

The Department of Conservation has 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Mike Munro  
Chief of Staff