



5 February 2015

Vaughan Payne  
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Waikato Regional Council  
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Dear Vaughan

**Re Request for information regarding 1080**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the issues raised by councillors Graf and White in their report and presentation to the Waikato Regional Council's Environmental Performance Committee. Attached is the Department's response as prepared by Dr Alastair Fairweather, a technical advisor with our Threats Science Team based in Hamilton.

You also requested information about the proportion of aerial 1080 operations to ground-based control used by DOC. Based on the hectares under possum control, over the last 5 years (2009-2014) an average of 64% of DOC's possum control was undertaken aerially, per annum.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allan Ross".

Allan Ross  
Director, Transformation and Threats  
for Director-General