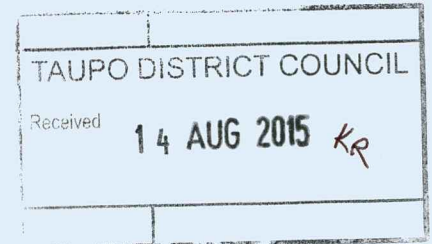


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Dear Rob

Waikato Region Wide RMA Consent Application – Sodium Fluoroacetate (1080)

TBfree New Zealand Limited (TBfree), the Department of Conservation (DOC) and Waikato Regional Council (WRC) are applying for 35 year resource consents to cover aerial 1080 operations within the Waikato Region. The current region-wide resource consents are due to expire in June 2016.

A 35 year consent will allow the applicants to better plan and coordinate operations to ensure progress towards biodiversity outcomes and freedom from bovine tuberculosis. Having a long-term consent is far more cost effective and makes better use of funder, taxpayer and ratepayer funding than other consenting options such as consenting each individual operation.

The longer term consents also facilitate the continued collaborative approach to pest management in the region currently taken by the three agencies. Without continued knockdown of introduced pests (typically possums, rats, stoats, ferrets, rabbits, wallabies), the Waikato Region is at risk of outbreaks of TB and loss of biodiversity.

Consultation or notification with Iwi, landowners and other affected parties will still take place prior to every operation even if this consent application is approved.

We are writing to let you know of our intention to lodge this consent in December 2015. If you would like information regarding 1080, please refer to the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment Reports which can be found at the web addresses below.

<http://www.pce.parliament.nz/assets/Uploads/PCE-1080.pdf>
<http://www.pce.parliament.nz/assets/Uploads/1080-update-report-web-2015.pdf>

If you have any questions or would like further information on the consent process, please feel free to contact any of the undersigned.

Regards

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