

6 March 2023

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request of 3 February 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, regarding 1080 and Auckland water supplies. On 7 February 2023, your request was transferred to the Department of Conservation (DOC) for response.

You asked:

has the chemical known as "1080" been distributed within any of the Auckland water catchment areas within the past 12 months

DOC is aware of one instance of the use of 1080 in Auckland water catchment areas within the last 12 months. An aerial 1080 predator control operation led by Auckland Council took place in September 2022 across Hunua Ranges parkland, neighbouring DOC administered land reserves and some private land. Information on that operation, including details on water catchments, is available on the Auckland Council website at:

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/environment/what-we-do-to-help-environment/our-biodiversity-projects/Pages/hunua-project-1080-pest-management.aspx>

For more information, you can contact Auckland Council via the contact details on their website.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Department's website.

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