

Dear Sir/Madam

In response to wild deer management, I have worked & lived on the land for the past 29 years & over that period of time, I have aided in feral animal control with the use of firearms & baiting (1080). I am involved with hunting clubs as well and I fully understand the need for wild animal control.

My concerns are for the wellbeing of the deer being eradicated, it must be done in a humane manner. At present I believe animals that have been shot from a helicopter, a fair percentage have been wounded. I have personally seen the McIntyre River polluted with animals that have been shot from a helicopter, (National Parks & Wild life) I find this as well as the wounding unacceptable.

As for the use of 1080, if the board is seeking to use this method on deer I ask that you consider the consequences sincerely.

It has been proven the use of 1080 take up to 12 hours from consumption of the poison till death.

A lot of hunter's such as myself take the meat for human consumption, if an animal has consumed 1080, we have the same threat as the deer. DEATH to ourselves, our wives and our children, where will the chain of responsibility lead?

The use of 1080 will become an OH&S issue as there is **no antidote, no cure**. Once consumed you are dead, 1080 is banned for use in America & has been called to be banned in New Zealand, for the reasons I have stated.

You may very well say "read the safety signs" that have been put in place, I work on the land & the amount of land holder's that don't use the signs would astonish you, the amount that don't collect unused baits at the end of the time frame would astonish you.

If 1080 is used to control deer, there is a real threat to human life. What price is a human life?

You ask what measures we think maybe used, I think if a poison has to be used then it should work quickly, and the target animal shouldn't make it far from the bait area! Then the carcasses **SHOULD** be collected & as in the old days, be buried &or burnt preferably both.

Regards, Phillip

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