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Mr Al Bramley,
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Dear Mr Bramley,

I would like to introduce the New Zealand Chapter of Safari Club International (SCINZ) and myself as President to you. Safari Club International (SCI) is the world's largest hunting and conservation organisation based in Tucson, USA, with more than 180 Chapters and over 50,000 members worldwide. As the NZ chapter of SCI, this gives us a unique position as no other New Zealand hunting and conservation organisation has the international umbrella available to us at all times for advice, guidance and when necessary, finance.

Hunting (and fishing) is a cherished heritage and pastime in New Zealand with many New Zealanders, including Iwi relying on the sustained harvesting of wild organic game meat as a primary food source. This right to hunt is something that SCI(NZ) will defend on behalf of all New Zealanders.

We have only recently become aware of ZIP's enhanced and upgraded 1080 poison trial in South Westland and the upcoming rollout of the new technique in the Perth catchment, South Westland. This is of serious concern to SCI(NZ). While we applaud your objective for zero invasive predators we want to know what you are doing to protect New Zealand's wild game animals that may suffer as a result of your actions?

Specifically our concern is based around the effect the 1080 poison will have on the wild game animals, namely tahr, chamois and deer which are present in the Perth valley. The Perth valley is a very popular hunting area and therefore is a valuable recreational resource for a significant number of New Zealanders. We believe that double pre-feeding, bait swathe overlaps and higher sowing rates along with follow-up drops present a significant threat to our valued wild game animals.

Your report states: *"The double prefeeding involved in this technique may increase the risk of bait acceptance by non-target species....This aspect may warrant further investigation."*

We would like to ask the following questions:

- Has ZIP performed any research into the impact 1080 poison, at the levels ZIP is proposing, has on wild game animals, particularly tahr?
- Has deer repellent been considered as part of this new technique, and if so will it be used?
- If not, why is it not being used?
- Is Zip conducting any research into the development of 1080 poison wild game animal repellants?

An additional concern is the impact that having a number of ZIP employee's based in the Perth (which is public land) for the next two years after the poison drop, effectively monopolizing the catchment, will have on ordinary New Zealanders right to use and enjoy this wilderness area uninhibited by ZIP activities.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Knowles
President
Safari Club International - New Zealand Chapter.

CC: Lou Sanson, Director General, Department of Conservation.
CC: Don Hammond, Chairman , Game Animal Council.
CC: Bill O'Leary, President NZ Deerstalkers Association.