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Mr Al Bramley,
Chief Executive,
Zero Invasive Predators Limited
C/O- Zealandia Sanctuary
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Dear Mr Bramley,

Thank you for your letter dated 16th March.

As I mentioned in my letter dated 13th February, SCI(NZ) supports ZIP's objective of eliminating invasive predators. However, surely early and effective consultation with affected stakeholders is important when large scale application of 1080 poison is occurring on New Zealand's public lands. It is therefore disappointing that ZIP failed to contact all the major stakeholders, namely the major hunting organisations in NZ when the project was first initiated. While you state you have consulted with a number of other stakeholders, contact with the hunting organisations appears to have been very late in the project.

SCI(NZ) has a number of questions arising from your letter we would like answered:

1. When was this programme first planned?
2. Given that an operation of this scale must have had a long planning phase, what exactly are the "supply and timing" constraints that prevented deer repellent being used?
3. Has this 1080 poison operation been legally consented to be performed by a private organisation on public land? If so when and where was this notified?
4. Will the impact of 1080 poison on tahr, chamois and deer in the Perth valley be monitored and who will do this work.
5. Will the impact of 1080 poison on native birdlife present in the Perth valley, particularly whio and kea populations be monitored and who will do this work?
6. What proportion of the 1080 poison bait that is applied by ZIP has deer repellent incorporated.

As a major stakeholder in the hunting and conservation community of New Zealand, SCI(NZ) requests to be part of the advisory group. Accordingly we are happy to also nominate Marcus and Kaylen Pinney as our elected liaison representatives in the consultation process. This consultation process is absolutely vital to achieve an outcome that truly reflects the wishes and needs of all stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

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.