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Ngaa Rauru shocked at threats to DoC and the Food Chain

Recent activism events surrounding the use of 1080 by DoC have alarmed South Taranaki Iwi Ngaa Rauru Kiiitahi.

“Ngaa Rauru Kiiitahi does not support in any way, the threats made to DoC staff, conservation workers and the dairy and meat industries. Although our preference is that forests are not treated with 1080, we acknowledge that for large remote areas like our Waitootara Forest (26,000 hectares), it is the best solution at this time to control the degradation of flora and fauna through pest destruction,” said Chairperson Te Pahunga Davis.

“DoC has worked closely with Ngaa Rauru Kiiitahi to help us understand the problem, the solutions available now and the research being undertaken to identify better pest control methods. We encourage DoC to make it a priority to find and implement better pest control treatment methods.”

“Ngaa Rauru Kiiitahi supports protest as a process for change. It is only through protest that we have had basic rights redressed. However, we are shocked at this level of terrorism threat in Aotearoa and on our lands. We urge passive resistance on this matter as exemplified by our Parihaka prophets Te Whiti & Tohu.”

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