



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

*Tabled by
Bryan Backhouse-Smith*

Our Ref:

Tuesday 28th July 2006

Bryan Backhouse-Smith
Honeymoon Valley
Peria
KAITAIA

Attention: Bryan Backhouse-Smith

Dear Mr Backhouse-Smith

MISAPPLIED BAIT ON YOUR PROPERTY

Following our meeting on the Friday 16th June, The Department continued to investigate your claim of misapplied bait on your property. The investigations included interviews with the Sub-Contractor, visits to the Reserve (all access via DOC estate) to check boundaries and notification and updates with the Northland Medical Officer of Health (MOH). The investigation identified that during a possum control operation undertaken by the Department in the reserve adjacent to your property, 3 cyanide pastes were accidentally misapplied on your property. Although control in neighbouring blocks is usually appreciated by the land owners, on this occasion I acknowledge that no such prior agreement was made with you. On behalf of The Department, please accept this letter as a written apology for the unwanted application of the 3 cyanide paste baits.

Yours Sincerely

Jonathan Maxwell
Area manager Kaitaia Area Office