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I have 308 eff. ha with 12ha of fenced off bush and 12K of approx of bush line boundary with DOC. When EW wanted to ~~us~~ first use 1080 on the place I sat on the fence over it. I have had 4 drops 94, 98, 2000, 2003 and the bush is full of birds. The place had a bad history of T.B. now a C 6 (we are  $\frac{1}{2}$  way through testing and that might change)

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So you could say I've had a bit of first hand experience with 1080. The most pigeon I've seen in one group is 20 what a sight. Before the drops you would see one going like hell to the next tree to get a feed, now they are flying around aimlessly in no hurry to go any where. In winter shifting electric fence brakes on the crops it is nothing to have 10-12 fantails around you getting insect as they are disturbed on the crop leave flying within a distance of 600mm of you but no closer so much for all birds + insect being killed by 1080.

I've lost a dog from 1080 but I'm the one in charge of it (by law) so I'm responsible. (its easy to blame someone else for your mistakes)

3 days after the 2000 1080 drop we had a irate pig hunter turn up at night, wanting to know if we had seen 2 of 3 dogs he had lost than morning. After some questioning it was established he had been where the 1080 had been dropped. He had driven passed one sign 900x600 (if he couldn't read that he shouldn't be on the road) and 3 smaller ones. \*Some can't be told!

Some oppornice of 1080 believe it is ~~and~~ cruel and inhumane way of killing animals. Ask any deer staker if he has ever wounded a deer so it has a cruel death or maimed for life and they say no they never shot any. Pig hunters with dog molling pigs and getting a way with the same fate as the deer or keeping a pig in a pen to train dogs on. how cruel is that!

If these anti 1080 oppornice feel so strongly about their believes you would think they would organise trips into the bush to ~~ham~~ trap and kill possum humanely! than sitting in there arm chairs criticizing

Out on Lake Taupo before Xmas all the bush tops was a light green from all the new shoots coming away

If DOC left the deer alone in non TB areas and worked in with Deerstaker Ass or what ever about the managing of this resource non of this hue ha. would ~~be~~ of happened. Not everyone wants to look at birds or hug trees you should be catering for all interest hunting, mounting biking etc not just your <sup>→</sup> narrow mined interests and I've had personal experience from DOC over this. If this had been done in the beginning I'm sure this expensive ~~&~~ exercise<sup>of stress</sup> would not of happen. Both sides should ~~grow~~ grow up. ~~it would of save a lot of money and stress on both sides.~~  
Why isn't there publish on the results