

7 March 2018

Andrew Baucke  
Director Operations,  
Auckland Region,  
Department of Conservation

Dear Andrew

**Re: Rakitu Island**

On Tuesday 20 February 2018, Great Barrier Local Board formally received a copy of the Stop the Drop petition to stop the aerial drop of brodifacoum on Rakitu Island from Aotea Poison Free.

The purpose of our letter is to ask what consultation took place, and if further community consultation could be held, on this proposal. We note in the Conservation Management Strategy regarding Aotea that the department will actively engage with tangata whenua, Auckland Council, private landowners and the community in conservation management on Great Barrier Island and Rakitu Island – in particular part a): *encouraging participation in planning for and carrying out ecological restoration work on public conservation lands.*

Yours sincerely



On behalf of the board,  
Izzy Fordham  
Chairperson  
Great Barrier Local Board