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Dear Des Smith

Regional Pest Management Plan Exemption to Rules relating to Containment pests: BIO-RPMP-000004

Recently we received a request for an exemption from the Regional Pest Management Plan for the Bay of Plenty 2011-2016 (RPMP) so you could undertake wallaby pen trial researching the effectiveness of Pindone. Dama wallaby are classified as Containment pests in the RPMP.

The activity, without an exemption, would be a breach of the RPMP due to the fact that movement or communication of wallabies is an offence. These pests are subject to following rules contained within the RPMP: section E(2), E(3), E(4), E(5)

Section 78 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 allows a Regional Council to exempt a person from a requirement of a rule. In considering your case for exemptions to rules of the RPMP we are satisfied that:

- Your proposed actions will not significantly prejudice the attainment of the RPMP's objectives.
- The prescribed requirements are clearly unreasonable or inappropriate in your particular case.

Given this, I grant Wildland Consultants and their agents exemptions to rule of the RPMP subject to the following conditions:

- All relevant standards under the Animal Welfare Act must be adhered to when capturing, handling, holding, transporting and euthanizing wallabies.
- Permission must be gained from the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) for an exemption under the Biosecurity Act to communicate 'unwanted organisms'.
- All wallabies captured for the trial must be transported and held in a secure manner to ensure escape is highly unlikely.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the conditions we propose, please feel free contact me on 0800 884 881 Extn 7574 or email me at Shane.Grayling@boprc.govt.nz.

Yours faithfully



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