

NEWS

SPCA calls for 1080 ban

THE SPCA has doubled down on its call for a ban on 1080 poison used in pest control, but it hasn't offered up any alternative options.

It has come under fire for its position, which goes against Forest and Bird, the Department of Conservation, Federated Farmers and the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, who all say 1080 is the only viable form of pest control currently available.

SPCA chief scientific officer Dr Arnja Dale initially told Radio New Zealand's *Summer Report* on Wednesday the SPCA did not want a ban on 1080 and was instead "opposed to toxin use".

But when challenged, she confirmed that the organisation did want a ban on 1080 and all other poisons currently used for pest control.

Dr Dale said the SPCA was "opposed to the use of all poisons because of the prolonged and intense suffering. 1080 is one of multiple poisons that are used across New Zealand.

"What the SPCA really wants is more innovation into the humane alternatives to poison use.

"We have a significant problem in New Zealand. We all want the same outcome, we are looking at it in different ways. It's important to understand that all animals are considered sentient – which means they feel pain – under the Animal Welfare Act.

"So, it's our duty to ensure that when we do control animal populations ... that we do so in the most humane way possible.

"I think that when you look at it physiologically, and in terms of the ability for these species to feel pain, the animal, regardless of whether it's a cow or a sheep or it's a seagull, these are animals that are all able to feel pain."

The SPCA initially stated its position on a 1080 ban and preference for alternative pest control options in an earlier story.

But when *Summer Report* pointed out that the SPCA had not offered up any viable humane alternatives because none currently existed, Dr Dale said: "I do believe that New Zealand is an innovative country. There is research going on, I know a lot of those scientists, I know they will come up with innovative solutions that [are] more humane."

University of Auckland conservation biologist Associate Professor James Russell said he agreed with a lot of the points raised by the SPCA on Monday.

"Look, the SPCA are well known to be coming from a single value proposition that they're really focused on pain and suffering in sentient animals. In their article I found a lot that I agree with because for the same reasons as them I got into conservation because I want to prevent the cruelty that humans are causing on a lot of our native wildlife through the introduction of species such as rats and cats.

"But ... I think a ban is too far in this regard because I actually think in the scheme of things, banning 1080 immedi-



ately would increase overall suffering of all animals in New Zealand.

"I don't have a calculator to work it out exactly but with 25 million birds being killed a year by those species – one rat or one stoat will kill hundreds of animals a year – I think that's where most of the suffering is happening at the moment."

Pest control options were a balancing act, according to Professor Russell.

"When we undertake pest control we're really making a trade-off between three things.

"It's trying to understand the cost efficiency of the tool and the humaneness of the tool and how well it will scale and if we can get the three of them to work together to get to an optimal solution, it may not be perfect ... but if we don't actually do anything and leave these animals to their own devices then that's probably going to cause more suffering overall."

He believed the issue was fundamentally about money.

"I think we could make New Zealand predator free today if we could afford to put a possum trap or a rat trap or a stoat trap over every 25 or 50 metres of New Zealand but that is simply not affordable to do.

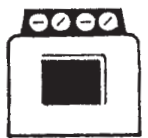
"So, we need to use tools that can scale and at the moment 1080 is the only affordable tool we have to scale.

"If we have an increase in say 10 times the amount of funding for pest control, the option we have is do we want to do pest control over 10 times a larger area to save 10 times as many birds or do we want to do pest control that's 10 times more humane but only in the area that we were previously focusing on." *Radio New Zealand*

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Annual general meeting is called to:
a. Fill the vacancies left by retirement of 2 committee members - Leo Gage and Walter Swanson - R22 MIR 1994.
b. To consider special resolutions (if any) - R4 MIR 1994.

Nominations for election of two (2) committee member and written notices of special resolutions are to be received by the Secretary no later than **22 January 2019.**

Duly signed proxy forms and copies of Powers of Attorney are to be received by **13 February 2019.** Attorney's will need to sign certificates of non-revocation on the date of the AGM.

Registrations at 9.00 am
10.00am meeting starts

- AGENDA**
- Karakia Timatanga
 - Apologies
 - Minutes of previous AGM and SGM
 - Reports
 - o Auditors report
 - o Forestry report
 - o Nga Whenua Rahui Report
 - o Chairman's report
 - o Individual Reports of each COM member
 - General Business
 - o Consider Special Resolution(s) -if any
 - o Ordinary Resolution(s)-if any
 - o Elections
 - o Karakia Whakamutunga

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