



## BOVINE TB VECTOR CONTROL OPERATION

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE

Ferret survey and possum control begins in your area on Sunday 30 October 2005



Otaki operation area highlighted in blue

#### Why is this notice important?

This notice is to inform you about a Tuberculosis (Tb) vector control operation which will begin in your area on Sunday 30 October 2005 and will continue throughout November.

You need to be aware of this information if you live in or near to the operation area or intend to visit the area highlighted in the accompanying map. We would also be grateful if you could bring this notice to the attention of others that you know intend to visit the area during the operation period.

#### Why is the operation necessary?

The operation is necessary because of the continued incidence of bovine Tb in farmed cattle and deer herds in the region.

#### The operation – what will happen?

Traps will be set for 10 days in any one position before being moved on. Both Timms and leg-hold traps will be used. All traps will be baited with meat or fish for ferrets or apple and lure for possums. All leg-hold traps will be checked daily.

#### What precautions do we take?

We discuss operation procedures and seek approval from all occupiers prior to traps being set.

#### Important notes to remember

Danger to humans from traps is minimal, but children should be kept away from all trap areas. Never put your hand or arm in a trap.

We recommend keeping cats and dogs away from traps by keeping them contained during the operation period if possible. We can provide identification collars for cats so if your cat goes missing it can be identified if caught in a trap. We will also endeavour to use live capture traps near houses wherever practical.

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