Dear [Council member name or Landcare group representative]

I am writing to give feedback on your proposal outlined to use Pindone as a method of rabbit control.

Upon research into the proposed poison (Pindone) I am deeply concerned. I now understand that this project not only involves killing but is clearly very cruel as well as having potential “collateral damage” to other native wildlife. The Standard Operating Procedure RAB004 “ground baiting of rabbits with Pindone:, has the following statement: **“Discomfort and pain from haemorrhages in internal organs, muscles and joints typically lasts for several days before death. The time to death is around 10 to 14 days after the initial dose**”. This is deeply concerning and leaves little to the imagination about the barbaric reality of this poison.

As a person who believes in the vital importance of key ethical principles, I see this project as wrong, and believe it brings shame on our community. In ethical discussions, while there are some grey areas and room for opinions on many issues, there are a few things we surely must agree are fundamental. Top of the list is that unnecessary violence and cruelty is wrong and should always be condemned in our society. I expect this to be a cornerstone of our community and that our children will learn this from an early age. In this project though, we all just see authority abandoning this principle when it suits their goals. Furthermore, [your email/ letter/correspondence] asks people like me to consider actively participating in this cruelty, which I find a deeply offensive suggestion. I can only wonder how this acceptance of cruelty and violence to address our man made problems affects our community and correlates to the amount of violence we see around us today.

I hope that those involved will acknowledge that this proposal violates common decency and is deeply offensive. Pindone is also condoned as severely cruel by the RSPCA. This is a great opportunity for council to take responsibility and leadership, and show that it is never ok to resort to cruelty and violence as a solution to the problems we have created. What an inspiring message that would send to the children in our community.

Finally, I will say I don’t have all the answers but know we are duty bound to look for solutions that do not require such cruelty.

Regards,

[name]