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Over the Christmas period, I took overseas relatives to visit the "real" New Zealand. We visited three state forests and two regional parks. Notices warning of 1080 were evident. Also evident was the complete absence of any form of birdlife.

Mr Benfield says 1080 kills everything, with the side effect of rat population explosions. Mr Muir is convinced of 1080's real effectiveness in Manawatu.

Perhaps the real answer lies in a true scientific comparison. Two similar-sized areas could be selected and one allowed to revert to whatever state mother nature dictates, the other subjected to regular doses of 1080. Ten years should be enough to judge, with impartial judges.

This type of research must be done before marketing any pharmaceutical product, so why not with a lethal, broad-spectrum poison?

It seems simple enough – or is there another reason this type of research isn't being done with 1080?

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A simple test for the effects of 1080

Bill Benfield (Letters, Jan 4) and Gary Muir (Jan 13) hold widely disparate opinions about the effects and widespread use of 1080.

My chosen recreation, although outdoors, doesn't involve hunting, but I feel compelled to comment as an interested spectator.

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