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Dear Bill

#### **CONSULTATION ON 2018 TB FREE PEST CONTROL OPERATIONS**

We are now inviting feedback on our 2018 plans for TB free pest control operations. A copy of the operations consultation document is included with this letter.

OSPRI provides this 2018 operations consultation document as the first step in a series of regional and local consultations. It provides opportunity for people and organisations to gain an overview of the proposed 2018 operations, and to identify what further information they may seek to receive, whether they want direct engagement or participation in local meetings concerning particular operations, and to provide advice about how OSPRI may tailor localised engagement.

The operations consultation document outlines the over-arching programme for proposed pest control operations in support of the National Pest Management Plan intended to be carried out during 2018. It also outlines the approach taken by OSPRI in relation to engagement for the TB management and eradication programme.

This consultation follows the recent launch of our TB Management Area (TMA) initiative. This initiative involved the publication of over 50 different TMA notices that set out our eradication plans for the coming year at a local level and that include regional explanations of the operations proposed. These notices have since been sent to landowners across the country and will be updated on an annual basis as eradication of TB in areas progresses. A TMA overview factsheet is also included with this letter for your information.

It should be noted that for each and every operation, there will be further communication once these operations are confirmed, both prior to and following formal authority consent and approval of each individualised operation. This includes direct engagement with any impacted landowners or land users prior to the proposed operation, provision of TMA notices concerning each operation, letters to landowners and potentially public and community meetings. The specified engagement process OSPRI undertakes for each individual operation, in addition to this consultation process at the national level, is presented in the attached document.

There are a number of ways to make a submission to the 2018 national consultation on TB operations, including an online submission form. The consultation period runs through to Friday 29 September 2017. Submissions are invited to cover queries relating to the proposed operations, impacts on landowners and other matters.

Following the completion of consultation, OSPRI may make changes to the overall proposal for operations in 2018. Accordingly, we will then update individual and localised operational plans and then provide this information to the concerned region and landowners/land-users as part of the engagement on individual operations prior to their confirmation.



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The operations consultation document and details about how to make a submission are available at [www.tbfree.org.nz/have-your-say.aspx](http://www.tbfree.org.nz/have-your-say.aspx).

If you have any immediate questions or comments please contact myself directly or for any operational queries contact OSPRI's Chief Operating Officer, Matthew Hall, on 04 474 7108, 027 447 3043 or email [matthew.hall@ospri.co.nz](mailto:matthew.hall@ospri.co.nz).

We encourage you to share this with relevant or other interested stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Edge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michelle" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Edge".

**Michelle Edge**  
*Chief Executive*