

<p>1. What scientific proof or study exists that proves that a fence sectioning off less than 5% of an island is conducive to eradicating all of the pests over 100% of an island? 2. What purpose does a fence serve in the eradication of predators on Stewart Island? 3. What quarantine measures will be made to prevent re-infestation? In particular - the remaining coastline outside of a fence?</p>	
<p>- Aerial poisoning is hazardous to many of our rivers and streams (which many islanders use for their daily purposes!), as well as to our pets at home! - Don't want to have a fence erected as we would be like animals farmed in - also, after this fence die</p>	
<p>"Get Rid of the P....s!"</p>	
<p>(fence) Make the whole island predator free, a fence is visually unacceptable and environmentally damaging. Please define predators (ie rats/possums etc wild cats ????) Etc What about domestic cats some who become wild especially at night, unkenelled dogs at pm</p>	
<p>*7: Not sure only until I read the Parliamentary paper on 1080. *4: Also the community has supported a road (big enough for an Arkwright truck) cut through the National Park for a hydro experiment scheme over towards North Arm. A little disappointing that we haven't heard any objections from the 'against a predator-proof fence' people. Perhaps both can be put in at the same time?...</p>	
<p>1/ If in worst case scenario the pest free status cannot be reached, will there still be a fence or will it be pulled down and 20mtr x 10km replanted. 2/ What kind of quarantine measures are the residents expected to go through say every time we go to town? 3/ I do not want residual amounts of poison in my staple food source, The Whitetail deer. The cod, paua, oysters etc. 4/ I would like an assurance of protection of the whitetail herd in future before I agree to any other form of predator control. 5/ Will Dancing star pull there fence out if predator free status ever comes about? 6/ will having a fence create more of a genetic bottleneck to ground based birds, both inside and outside?</p>	
<p>A complete waste of money to erect this Predator Fence. If everyone in the community was willing to manually trap these "pests" then we should be able to control the population numbers to give all our wildlife a chance. A total eradication of "pests" is not viable given the land mass/coastline that makes up our Island. The proposed \$180,000 per annum on completion of the "Fence" to monitor and maintain the fence alone could be put to far better use for traps, more full time SIRCET staff etc.</p>	
<p>A cute picture of a kakapo was shown with the idea that there could be kakapo wandering freely round the village in a future scenario. I am sorry to be sceptical and cynical but I can see bird smugglers lining up to get here. I have had one dog die a horrible death here on the island from suspected poisoning. The thought of such stuff in our water/soil/sea is chilling. Please do not come back to us until you have taken due cognisance of the concerns expressed at yesterday's non-consultation. Most of your presenters came across as sincere and motivated. However the facilitator/front person needs to cultivate more respect for the general intelligence of our community and for the genuine concerns of individuals.</p>	
<p>A nice idea but not achievable. Look at Ulva, pest come back</p>	
<p>A pest free Rakiura is great concept and would be fantastic. However all the pros and cons must be weighed up. It cannot occur if Rakiura was to be 'locked up' as a sanctuary to achieve this. The damage to all flora and fauna needs to be considered (not just the single goal of making it predator free). I support methods which provide minimum impact on deer, which do have a value on the island.</p>	
<p>A pity more at the public meeting had read the reports and recognised the issues to be discussed while emotive, the wellbeing of the birds is vital and speed in predator billing vital</p>	
<p>A totally pest free Rakiura is impossible and, unless you're all morons, you know this. I don't know what your true agenda is, but my desire is that you take it elsewhere and leave Stewart Island/Rakiura alone. And please take your trained monkey (GM) with you.</p>	
<p>absolutley no costs should be passed onto residents/ratepayers as Stewart Island so expensive to live here anyway</p>	

aerial poisoning would wipe out the deer that bring many people to the island. A fence would be a waste of time, check condition of Lee Bay fence which is already showing signs of corrosion.		
Although i would love to see a rat free island the technology is not yet available to target pests only . the death of birds and mammals associated with mass poisoning is not acceptable .		
Any poisons should be as bait stations and laid carefully to avoid accidental kill of non target species and prevent contamination of water ways.Trapping would be great too for someone committed to doing it.		
As concisely as possible - I am entirely for the idea of a pest free rakiura, in theory; it would be a world-class treasure. I do not, however, support the idea of a predator fence, nor any introduced regulations that would affect the rights of or significantly inconvenience residents of Oban. I would offer my full support to any large majority consensus on the matter from other residents, whatever that may be. I think everyone needs to have that attitude ;)		
As we don't have all the info, regarding the what where and how. How its going to affect the fishing industry and overseas markets, not many countries are going to want to import our fish, when they hear that tons of poison has been dropped.		
As you appear to have spent \$60,000 to get to the point of not being able to answer any questions including the obviously critical ones surrounding bio security, one can only wonder where the next \$100,000 are going to take us. Experience has shown that the bird watching fraternity are not big spenders(not by the time they get here anyway). Anyone with the ability to raise \$50,000,000 who would like to stimulate the economy of the Island(getting 9 to13 more children at the school!) should maybe think about making the place affordable for tourists and residents alike, reduce the cost of travel and get power prices to a realistic level, a cable to the mainland and a power purchase deal with Tiwai perhaps - at \$12,000,000 an absolute bargain and it would probably work.		
at what cost to the ratepayers?? As we cannot afford it. It will make no difference to tourist numbers like the national park so what benefit will it make to the community?		
Be bold in pursuing vision of what our Island might be in 50 or 100 years time; something our great grandchildren and their children would look back on and feel pride in what their ancestors set out to achieve.		
Being a mussel farm owner with 30 hectares of water space growing green-lipped mussels and oysters with the status of organic, I am worried with the aerial poisoning that run offs into Big Glory would jeopardise the Bay's Organic status, wether it be by 1080 or a large number of dead carcasses or both, it would have catastrophic effects on water quality with possible closure during the events		
biosecurity and fencing in 400 people in a town must be illegal and against the human rights act		
Both in our 80th year! Her first visit to Stewart Island was Aester 1949. From that year she has visited several times every year. The same applies to Him since 1958. For the last ten years in retirement each year we make 5 visits to the island		
Bret Bevan summed it up ??? Discussion Ulva. 1 pregnant rat equals millions, the poison run off from Ulva drop was totally excessive and minute compared with Stewart Island. Would like to see Dancing Star's cost as this could compare		
Buy more traps create more jobs		
cats, rats and possums but not whitetail or red deer, I believe and know as a 70 year old resident that it is not possible to completely remove cats, rats and possums from Rakiura. It would be a serious waste of money to even try to do this with today's toxins. I also do not support the destruction of our National Park forest to build the proposed predator free fence from Maori Beach to North Arm of the inlet as pests can still invade by getting around each end of it. I see it as a waste of \$2million plus \$expenditure and upkeep. Aerial drops of 1080 or Brodificoum are also totally unacceptable because of the disastrous effect on our native birds and insects etc. I think that this crazy idea by 2x individuals should be scrapped before they		

waste anymore dollars on it.		
chemical pollution will ruin the aquaculture and all the wildlife on the island		
Complete and utter waste of time and tax payers money.		
confirmation needed that costs will not be passed down to the locals/ratepayers definitive biosecurity plan needed before community asked to support this idea		
Definitely no Aerial Dropping and Fence		
Do not take one further step until you have done an ecological survey of the Island and a risk/benefit analysis. There may not even be a need for this and certainly poison should not be used aerially, it is not specific to species in bait stations or hand deployed either. Involve other NZers afterall like it or not we all are responsible for National Parks - please do not run with this project without the ecological study - suggest you get world recognised one or two as we have few in NZ that are not compromised		
Do the trampers walkign the Rakiura track want to go through 3 gates and see a fence in a wilderness area? None of these so called predator free small islands have not had an invasion at some tiem or another. \$5,0000, is too much to spend on a predator fence and then there is the upkeep. A local has suggested a predator free island area made within the island bush and charge to wander in it. No so silly, would not have the problems from boats eg Karori Reserve in Wellington		
Doing a good job!		
Domestic cats need to be addressed - does their presence and impact on the rat population neutralise bird life casualties? Eduction re cats inside at night.		
Don't believe that the supposed economic benefits will materialize. Also have doubts that it will be feasible to maintain the Island as predator free in the long term.		
From what I've read/heard there needs to be A LOT more research done. There is no point erecting a fence if there is no solid plan to follow. Come back in 10 years with a species specific bait, rather than half ass indiscriminating poisoning.		
gareth morgan is an idiot		
get finance and support the above 3 things (trap/bait/aerial) things are fine without morgan & co		
Get started ASAP		
Hving read Phil Bell's and Alan Bramleys scoping report and having attended last Tuesday's meeting it is blatantly obvious that a/ the ideals of the givernance group are not achievable. There are simply too many unknowns and risks to the helath of the island's environment; flora, fauna, sealife and people including the psycological pressures this project is creating. b/ the majority of people living, working and visiting Rakiura choose to be here because they are passionate about this natural environment just as it is. there is also a real concern about the government, DOC money that has already been poured into this project, which is clearly not feasible nor acceptable.		
I am all for manual bait stations IF the bait is to kill the animal and ONLY that animal. My question for you Garteh Morgan, ou ask us to ask you questions.... We do.... You don't answer. You don't have a PLAN. You are asking our permission to do this right?? So don't you think a plan would be in your best interest as so we can have some insurance. You wouldn't borrow money from the bank without a plan would you?? So why should we let you borrow our island/home?? Tell me that.		
I am concerned that the Governace group is misinformed about the comparative value of seafood vs tourism to the island ecomony. Fishing and aquaculture remain the chief source of revenue and need to be carefully considered in any poisoning plans. I await further information with interest		
I am happy to support this cause but what would the individual contribution be?		
I am hoping that the aim of this survey is to support the work of the Governace group and is not simply an attempt to undermine the proposal and/or discredit the work so far, that's why I have		

hesitated to respond til now. What has become evident is that naysayers, the negative-for-the-sake-of-being-negative, as well as the anti DOC brigade need little excuse to sacrifice Stewart Island and it's bio-diversity (and the common good) to further their narrow and shallow goals.		
I am more interested in aggressive pest management through trapping, eradication is just not possible here. World heritage status will put us on the map- economic benefits are certain, predator free could damage our green imageand hurt tourism. My job at UNESCO in the world heritage center was to advise strategy on how to deal with huge increase in tourism from World Heritage status (to countries all over the world). However, UNESCO only gives advice on management issues- it is up to the local government to deal with the increased tourism from WH Status. Perhaps just Ulva Island should be World Heritage- flora and fauna would qualify it. Worl Heritage is the highest international status an area can be given-for above national park- it is the top symbol of quality to the wealthy, educated international tourists (our target market on SI)		
I believe any action should be target specific - unintentional consequences need to be thoroughly investigated before any action is taken.		
I believe we need to do something, if this issue is left unaddressed for another 10 years I believe we will really struggle to get back on top of them.		
I don't believe that a complete eradication is a good idea, what about the natural balance of things?? I definitley don't support complete eradication of cats, pet cats kill more rats than birds. I know this as a fact...my cat kills one bird for every dozen rats. Who's paying for all this...I'm not interested in the cost of my living rising even higher than it is right now. I refuse to fund a single cent towards it. leave us alone you government fks!		
I don't think this proposal is practical. People have made a conscious decision to live on this Island in the existing environment. Not to be fenced in and to be told what we should do by people who not only don't live here but do not own properties on the Island.Aerial poisoning will not only kill predators but will kill birds - the very thing this proposal is supposed to be protecting. It will affect our water and will flow into the sea where there are fishing farms. I am totally against aerial poisoning.		
I Don't think visitors to the Island should be allowed to bring pets with them.		
I feel that the current situation with pest eradication will end like the national park debate. A solution will be forced on to island residents and rate payers whether they like it or not, and all input into a solution to the problem put forward by the islanders will be over ruled and we will be left to pick up the pieces when it all falls,apart.		
I feel the plan to make Stewart Island predator free is great, there are no negatives in the goal. I favour achieving the goal with a minimal (desirable zero) use of poisons but the use of targeted poisons would be acceptable given the proper controls. I look forward to a positive outcome for the process and even more to a positive spinoff to the islands future development. I'm happy to live with any communal decision and regardless of the outcome support the minimising of the impact of predators on the island.		
I have a whole raft of questions/doubts about the establishment of an infrastructure adequate to support greater visitor numbers. Glib mention of greater numbers in the past is unhelpful if unrelated to situations at that time --eg before Ferndale burned down and South Seas became the only large boarding house -- a time when fishing WAS still the principal industry and visitor accommodation was bulk rather than bijou. The age of present accommodation providers needs consideration -- some may not want a working year without a Winter break. People looking to establish new accommodation venues on the Island would find building a big facility a costly venture and such people as well as those looking to establish smaller facilities would face substantial risks if the high price of electricity and reduced winter income made the venture uneconomical. The community would resist "our place" being turned into another tourist centre bristling with obtrusive accommodation venues because such development would remove our point of difference. The documents provided suggested that the community		

should be "clever" in encouraging families rather than singles to form the workforce necessary but families would need to be assured of an income that would cope with the high cost of living here. They would also need to consider whether they wanted their children to have to go to boarding schools at the end of primary education or whether they would uproot themselves as families at that stage and be faced with the necessity of selling a house here to afford to buy elsewhere. Would our general store have adequate space to cater for a considerably larger population and if not where could it be relocated centrally? Would the sort of entrepreneurs who have made sufficient money to invest in Stewart Island development change a community that cares for its people as well as its flora and fauna? Thanks for this opportunity, Vicki. I think last night's meeting should have been advertised as a venue for asking questions that would receive answers at a later date. Most people would have attended in the expectation that questions would be answered and many obviously went expecting the chance to offer their own views but if that was not the intention of the facilitators that should have been clear from the advertising. Anything else increases suspicion and engenders fear, frustration and resentment.

I have been a member and deputy chair of the NZ Pest Destruction Council for many years and would like to emphasize how important it is for pest eradication programs to work to a natural boundary where possible. The yellow core zone with a predator fence between the red buffer zone with the exclusion of all cats and dogs should give us an area which is low cost and the ideal breeding ground for our native birds etc. The urban areas will need continued trapping and bait stations

I keep asking this and you keep dodging the question. How much revenue is created from the Island via fishing and aquaculture vs hospitality ; Crayfish, paua, blue cod, mussels, oysters, proper, salmon, muttonbirds, moki etc etc , not to mention the other places in NZ that industry supports, eg SSF in Chch and Sanfords in Bluff. Dollar for dollar fish is Stewart Island's biggest income. Fact. And I'm not even taking into the equation the charter boats whom rely on tourism for their income! Next fact. Rats swim. Source:
<https://www.stat.auckland.ac.nz/~jrussell/files/papers/sfc286.pdf>
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/local-news/8013325/DNA-tests-show-how-far-rats-swim>
<http://www.kiwitrust.org/Portals/0/Docs/InfoSheets/okt-info-rats-2005-03.pdf> to name but a few. Therefore, your predator fence should be renamed a cat/possum control fence. And since all your projected data is about a PREDATOR FREE STEWART ISLAND and you're only trying to do a predator free Oban, you need to readjust your projections and figures. So why have the fence? Let's pretend we have \$50m. Let's take \$10m, make renewable energy a happening thing which would reduce costs in getting to the island and increase tourists, make more income for the island and still attract the people that the predator free report wants here. Let's face it, they can't walk that far, Ulva is semi-predator free, the tracks are not challenging and they can see all of the birds there they need to. If they wander round the island at dusk, they can see all the kiwis etc they want without even paying the \$20 return to Ulva!! A predator free Oban is not going to make any more birds any more accessible to these people. Take \$20m and invest that in the development of species specific poison/viruses. There's a lot of research on this right now. This way we could have a rat/possum/feral cat free New Zealand!! Invest the other \$20m in making a company doing manual trapping/poisoning tours/holidays around the rest of Stewart Island, to increase CONTROL of predators. Because at the moment, there isn't any control!! (Why no birds? Ask DOC, it's their land now, how many trapping programs do they have in place? None. Because they can't AFFORD it. Imagine if they'd been able to spend the money they have spent on scoping documents for this farce on trapping instead for example). That would make jobs, could use community service workers, involve hunters etc etc. Then maybe Stewart Island could be the biggest Island in the world to eschew the use of aerial poisoning (and fencing in the locals) in their fight against predators! Imagine that little newsclip! Granted, GM isn't going to get his rocks off to that, but then again, as he hasn't spent more than two weeks here in his life, who cares?

I look forward to reading the rest of the information before I make too many decisions *fence agree but not sure I agree with where they would like to put it, and trapping and poisoning in some areas		
I support parts "pest free". Total pest free Stewart Island is too ambitious and I believe unsustainable. Pest free "Snares Island" does not generate an income. I support pest free "islands", off shore and inland where appropriate. I have a niggling concern that residents rights will be gradually eroded over the long haul. One persons "pest" is another's companion (cat) sport (deer) livelihood (deer, charterboat owner) as always there needs to be balance.		
I support the governance process and their leadership role. This is very early in the process and we need to give them time to provide answers. It is too early to conduct general surveys like this when we don't have the information about the project to inform us		
I support the idea of a rat/wild cat free Island, but I personally don't think Deer are an issue.		
I support the pest fence if this is required to achieve this project.		
I think domestic controlled pets should be allowed for residents		
I think the Governance Group should be equipped to answer relevant questions from the Stewart Island community before calling any Information/Q&A meetings in future.		
I think the idea is brilliant but too far ahead of its time. If more research and study was done into an appropriate bait and methods for eradication, then maybe in a few years this will work		
I think the whole idea is "whistling in the wind" & unlikely to work, but they are welcome to try - think of all the Visitor Levies, accom, dinners, beers, freight, passenger transport ... When it all goes belly up, we'll count the dosh we've made from "them" and wave them sadly goodbye. I don't support any of it despite all the "Yes" ticked above - but I do support people coming & spending money here. If a Predator Free Stewart Is is more important than St.John's Ambo, Sallies, our so-called health service, lousy broadband speed & other social ills & dysfunctions helped by donations and funding from the public, then best we should fleece these people whilst we have the chance, and provide employment for some locals. But indiscriminate poisoning of anything, anywhere, anytime is as bad as condoning "legal highs", & the Dancing Star Foundation Fence is a disgrace & a blot on the landscape - another fence would give the impression of keeping people OUT and of keeping naughty residents nicely prisoner where Predator Free supporters can keep an eye on us And who will pay to take the fence down when the scheme doesn't work? If it's the Predator Free Supporters, then so long as they buy their groceries from the Shop, stay at the Hotel, pay the locals freight to take the stuff away again - well, maybe so write that bit into the "contract" & make it legally binding & I'll unwillingly submit even to a fence.		
I think they should do homework about the people on the island who probably know a lot more about the practicalities.		
I would like more information please, sorry I missed the last meeting		
I would like the governance group to be aware of the level of frustration for the residents of this proceeding ahead without more accurate costings and cause and effect being investigated, and questions being answered. Of course I love the idea of a Predator Free Rakiura but at what cost?? I have chosen to live here and run a business here at great personal and professional cost. I do not want to live in an area which may be contaminated with toxins for someone else's social experiment. The meeting I attended last night gave me NO confidence the people this most affects will be listened to! I don't want to come across anti change as I am not, but I feel there is an agenda here that residents are going to be expected to buy in to whether they like or want it or not.		
I would like to see further information on new methods of Aerial Poisoning such as has been recently carried out on our Sub Antarctic Islands		
I would support the erection of a predator proof fence on several conditions. 1) It was far enough from the township that locals wouldn't feel like they were fenced in a paddock (ie, it could not be		

<p>seen from Oban), 2) it was used so the township could be an exclusion zone allowing residents to have domestic pets, 3) current residents supported it, 4) ratepayers were not expected to pay for it, 5) the whole process is done with complete transparency and all questions are answered. There needs to be local representation on the governance group (someone who is selected by the locals to speak and act on their behalf) to be able to be a truly transparent and workable group.</p>	
<p>If the poison is going to be aerial dropped what is the withholding period for the marine environment e.g. salmon and oyster falms esp, fishing industry in general and how will that effect our international market ? What will the width of the cut for the vegetation be in order for the fence to be effective with the large canopies of some of the trees ?? I can't and don't want to imagine how this huge scar will look or feel on our pristine landscape.</p>	
<p>I'm not totally anti poison and I could change my mind on question 7 (aerial)if you come up with something new and safer to humans/deer/pets ... the ones on the table seem too risky. Spend some funds on research development of new poison.</p>	
<p>In principle I agree with and support the proposal. However, I definitely need more info regarding issues surrounding bio-security and the type of poison to be used etc. It's kind of a bit early and not enough of a proposal yet to make an informed decision- but I have an open mind regarding all of the above and would like to see it progress to a more concrete proposal ie methods and especially bio-security</p>	
<p>In theory a Predator Free Stewart Island/ Rakiura is an admirable goal; however the reality of this project being adopted and implemented is quite a different prospect. As an occupied Island it would require the whole residential community to back the proposal 100%. This is never likely to happen. As individuals each and everyone of us has a different reason for residing on Stewart Island/Rakiura. But no matter why we are here, it is Home for all of us. It is obvious that the erection of the Predator Free fence from Maori Beach to North Arm as the first stage of the overall predator free proposal is absolutely crucial for fully sectioning off the initial 4800 odd hectares inclusive of our rugged coastline and encompassing our populated Oban township area. If this first stage proposal got the go ahead and was constructed I believe it will be the beginning of bureaucratic decision making which will ultimately impact on our personal freedoms. It has been made clear that following the erection of the "fence"; the next stage would be to eradicate the nominated pests (possibly via aerial poisoning); to be followed up with hands on control methods to eradicate all remaining pests who have escaped the initial eradication program. To maintain the predator free success it will follow that preordained stringent risk management program for maintaining the entire fenced in area will be implemented. Eventually I do believe that DOC and other parties involved with the "Predator Free Movement" will cite the necessity to protect and maintain the success of the project to introduce further legislation with a view to restricting personal bush pursuits and/or various water based outdoor activities which are currently taken for granted by us all. Biodiversity regulations will eventually govern all residential or visiting persons wishing to tramp, walk or free range within the fenced "Predator Free" acreage, or ban or restrict boaties from undertaking freedom beach landings in the designated coastline area when pursuing their boating activities. Strict quarantine check points will be essential to prevent breaches by undetected pests for all persons coming into the region, particularly by boat. Within the Oban township the personal ownership of pets will have inevitable limitations with undesired restrictions imposed on all existing ones along with proposals for or a total ban on further cats/dogs being introduced into the community. All of this will hugely impact on the community creating division and disharmony. The implementation of this "Predator Free" model would by necessity certainly have some detrimental effects that would negatively impact on our small community and could ultimately outweigh the proposed benefits for becoming predator free. Most of the other predator free projects we have had held up as successful examples were essentially uninhabited; even the ones in close proximity to populated areas appear to have been devoid of human inhabitants. In conclusion I fully support the continued trapping,</p>	

poisoning and culling of all identified pests to protect the bird life and flora & fauna, but rightly or wrongly I on a personal level do not support the proposal of a predator free township confined by a fence.		
Instead of defacing this beautiful island please use the anticipated cost of erecting these ugly fences to employing more people to man the bait stations. This is an amazing national park, tourism is on the rise and we do not need a great wall to attract visitors. One man's dream could become a whole community's nightmare.		
Is it possible for crib owners to have some representation on the Governance Group?		
It is obvious from the meeting that Bio security is the biggest question. So maybe it is achievable to rid the Island of rats, cats & possums for a day, week, month or a year...Bio security from here on? I think a mammoth task with a huge psychological element & raised stress levels on the community (among other things.) Why do we live here again? The native people that live here as well as those that have chosen to live here are mostly the sort of people that would prefer not to be probed, poked & prodded by the prison guards at the gates each time we choose to come & go... This control would attract a very different type of person and would change the community dramatically. Some extremely brilliant answers to the bio security questions will need to be answered to convince me that this is a good idea. I am eager to have this issue thrashed out good as proper before going any further.The coastal aerial dropping of poison will obviously result in a lot of poison ending up in the sea. The blood line for a lot of us- all of us in some way. Also, the law of the sea- can't refuse safe anchorage is a big hurdle to sort. Grounding in 1998 of Dong Wong 529 type issues also? With the supposed 100,000 possible visitors, the odds are raised as it will only take one upset or unstable person with one pregnant rat cat or possum or stoat/ferret/mouse etc & we are back to square one or worse.Furthermore, it is quite possible that there is one person pushing for this that is a bit bored, with access to plenty of money who's after a few accolades? A person who is brilliant in many ways, but also a person who doesn't know the community, one that hasn't lived here and probably won't live here, can push for this to be done to my back yard. Weather it happens or not, this person can go back to where they came from possibly leaving a mess for those to live here daily, to continue to live and deal with.		
It will be great to have Stewart Island pest free of Possums, rats and wild cats.		
it's ridiculously expensive to Build a Fence and it is unrealistic to Expect that we can Protect the borders From re invasion		
It is my opinion that it is a large waste of funds, which in the end will probably require higher rates on general taxes to support it. One might want to see what the covert objections of DOC +others on deer and personal pets for the residents of the island. I am really not into aerial poisoning of predators, as the side effects on sea and other land birds and animals are unknown.		
I've worked in three sanctuaries that have used predator fences, from start to finish of the projects and all three were breached multiple times. What assurances can you give us that this one won't be?		
just look at the fence Lee Bay it's rusting away		
Just not enough info on how owners of land are going to be made to poison. What effects on fishing industry etc, how many years will this take?		
Keep the whitetail		
Lets use safer baits, there are other options!		
Main fence plus another fence for Ackers and Ringaringa .		
maunal, bait stations, aerial where necessary		
money better spent somewhere else ie manual trapping etc more employment		
More money should be spent developing a species specific viral stirulent that will spread readily from animal to animal		

My father RH Traill kept small islands in Paterson inlet clear of deer, with the aid of a good mate, a good day and a .303 rifle. Keeping the WHOLE island pest-free was a hopeless task, but deer stalkers (and later government deer cullers) kept numbers down to some extent. Fresh venison and deerskin mats were part of my childhood on the island. A much better idea than poisoned carcasses lying about. Possum trapping was hard on these imported pests, but traps were inspected frequently and the animals put out of their misery.		
My primary concern is that the birdlife of Mainland Rakiura is heading towards oblivion, and doing nothing is the worst of all options. I support the continuation of an engagement with all the various stakeholders in Rakiura. If we all have the best interests of The Island at heart, and we are willing to work together in good faith, we will find the answers.		
Next meeting; video only showed DOC and group comments, not public, have a video on pulpit and give public two mins to have their say on camera, couldn't hear public comments. Pest free box, don't include deer. Young residents, are their wages going to go up twofold per year because of this? Have high costs already to pay on minimal wages. Use some money to erect small huts all over SI to manually trap the cats etc, gives people work and no side effects		
no		
No fence!! Employ humans to eradicate pests, gives boost to island population, employment and a human face. Be brave and use low impact process over time!		
not sure on location of fence?		
Nothing should be done at the cost of the residents, nothing should affect their way of life. A fence would be such an eyesore and totally detract from the beauty of the island. Good luck		
Overall I do not support the whole concept, and object strongly to the way Garth Morgan is managing it. I find the expense for DoC/tax payers so far (with NO results) very frustrating. I think it is time to let Stewart Island say 'yes or no' before we carry on down the track, wasting more money on something that won't eventuate.		
pest free as much as possible, fence waste of time/money, manual trapping/baiting can be 'controlled' aerial poisons everything. With the X million dollars that the 'predator fence' would cost, use this money to have a sustained ongoing trapping/baiting programme for all SI. Create a dedicated team- Benefits *full time employment and expertise gained * trouble 'spots' can be targeted (random waste of money) * costs will be less as trapping/manual baiting needed with fence, so do it without fence * locals to monitor their sections/land creates interest and ownership of the programme (and maybe extra funding) * with sensible programmes aerial poisoning NOT NEEDED or even considered as an option		
Pest free deer not included. I hope deer are not considered a pest. I support trapping etc of rats cats and possums. Hunting deer brings a lot of visitors to the island		
Please see attached letter outlining my feelings about the currently proposed plan. I feel that the expenditure of further tax payers dollar on this study is a misplacement of funds		
Predator fence, yes, but where? Support aerial poisoning in inaccessible areas		
predator free Rakiura Yes! Pest free (deer) No!		
Sorry can't put them in writing!		
stop fuckin 1080		
Take your fence and shove it		
Tell the Governance group to live on the island for a while and get to know how the place works, then submit a plan on how to get rid of the pests. DOC need to get down into the National Park and look after that instead of sitting in offices based in Dunedin and trying to run things from there. They (DOC) need more people in the bush and not in their ivory towers telling the resident islanders how to look after their township. All the money in the world won't fix a thing that is broken. Look at Ulva Island. DOC hasn't got enough people to police that to keep it rat free.		
Tell them to get fucked		
The destruction to the forest clearing a path for the "Fence" alone would do more damage and		

destroy more trees and vegetation than so called predators would cause in a lifetime. Perhaps we should also remember the lesson learnt in China a few years ago where they eradicated flies only to experience a massive outbreak of disease through rotting carcasses etc, with no flies around and had to quickly reintroduce flies. This may be the result of interfering with nature. Those of us that live here choose to because we value the island dearly. We do not want to desecrate it with a b----- great fence across it. Just look down from the plane when coming in over Lee Bay and note the adverse comments from visitors who see it.		
the fence is a very bad idear it does not work we have seen this over and over again just with the star gasing group out by lea bay and dropping posion is also bad idear posions every bloody thing thats not an option we have super technology these days its time to wake up alittle bit and do the maths .		
The Island has survived Thus far and i do not believe this needs to happen		
The most significant predator ever on Stewart Island and other places has been Homo Sapiens. Therefore it would be expedient to totally eradicate the species. I would suggest that we start with Wellington economists.		
the only people to make money from the proposed scheme would be consultants, tourism will not increase because we are predator free, we were promised that when we became a national park, Foveaux Strait dictates tourism on the island. The ongoing costs to this community would be overwhelming. It is very hard to trust a group of spin doctors who can't or won't answer anyones questions and who don't seem to have any long term plans past their quest for fame and publicity		
The overall cost would have to be justifiable. I see there is great benefit if the predator free fence is practicable to do, then it is a great idea. But if the cost is extremely high, then I think money would be better spent by getting put into the community/conservation in other ways (ie projects like Dancing Star, Ulva Island). I don't like the idea of mass 1080 dropping with the potential to get into waterways etc.		
The proposed visitor numbers don't equate the proposed cost of a predator fenc edon't equate		
The types of poisoning and trapping must be able to exclude deer. The work to be carried out must not impact financially on Stewart Island residents and ratepayers		
The use of any of the techniques listed is dependent on the circumstances in which they are being used, why they are being used (i.e. control vs eradication) and, in the case of poisoning, which toxin is being used. e.g. clearly aerial poisoning is totally inappropriate over the township area, but may be considered the most efficient option in other areas.		
the whitetail deer are a big money gatherer for stewart island and aerial poisoning would wipe them out. Tourism number of people will not increase even if they do manage to get rid of all the pests. It is the tramping fishing and deer stalking will always be the majority of people's interest. I think Stewart Island is a wonderful place.		
There are better things to spen your money on then a predator fence		
There is a very big difference in expectations of community meetings by the governance group and the community. At the last public meeting, the community expected answers whereas the GG thought it was a discussion of papers. Before this project can proceed there is a huge amount of information that needs to be discussed that directly affects the community, this being biosecurity, financial costs, social and environmental impacts. There is a high level of mistrust amongst the community due to misinformation, misinterpretation and speculation. There is a perception that this project is proceeding while sidelining important community issues and will do so regardless as it is not about our community so much as a political and strategic decision. It is time to take a step back, provide adequate levels of information, gain community support and trust before this project can be a reality. This could in fact be a unique opportunity because the majority are for a pest free Rakiura but unfortunately the approach so far as been less than satisfactory and many relationships have been undermined.		

they are a fucking joke		
To little (if any) research carried out as regards the outcome of this experiment, ie biosecurity measures which will have a dramatic effect on travellers if this utopian dream is to have any chance of success stringent measures will have to be enforced (bloody impossible). Frankenstein created a monster giving no thought to the repercussions, the ends do not justify the means, more so when the ends so obviously are clearly unobtainable. The fence is a farce, just another idiotic scheme dumped upon us by some idealistic minority zealots.		
To think for one moment this could be a success is unbelievable! Laughable and naïve to say the least. A good idea if there was any sane way of carrying it out...there is not! Ulva is already an example of how difficult this is on a very small scale.		
Unfortunately I was away off the island and could not attend the meeting. I understand that last Tuesday's meeting was to inform the community of your progress to date before instigating the feasibility study. I wish others had understood this! I regret that "Stewart Island" men verbally abused Gareth Morgan on the street telling him to F*** off.		
Unless the process is fully supported with no exceptions it is a waste of time, money and resources. The use of 1080 poison is a proven success in such places as Arthurs pass Antional Park. Rakiura National park has the advantage of isolation.		
Very concerned about implementing biosecurity with baots ie boats coming from Fjordland, Bluff.... I'd like to see this issue explained as this will have large impacts in my livelihood and life on Stewart Island, to the pest free issue makes a difference if I agree or strongly oppose		
Very excited at the possibility of a pest free Rakiura, especially the eradication of those rats, cats and possums. This has been something I dreamed of during most of my 12 years living on the Island. Thank you to all those people who are working hard towards making this dream a potential reality.		
We are in favour of raising 50 million dollars and employing permanent pest without the use of taxpayer or ratepayer funds. control gangs		
We believe that tourism projections based on other locations are flawed and irrelevant to the Stewart Island situation. Even if eradication is successful and fully funded it is inevitable that ongoing monitoring costs would fall back on ratepayers. We think that the projected fence would be a hideous intrusion on the landscape		
We don't support 1080 here on our island or anywhere else. Leave the Stewart Island Park as it is, no predator fence, waste of money which should be used for more important things. This will be a waste of time, they will still go ahead with it and never listen to the locals opinion, typical		
We need to look at bio security before we look at methodology, surely our method of becoming and staying predator free would depend on our bio security, it just makes sense.		
We support aerial poisoning as long as it is not done too close to the coastline.		
What a great opportunity for economic development and employment, especially when its all paid for from afar. The fence probably wont be seen by many people sitting at other places, and while the excavators are in the area perhaps they could share the cost of a few power poles to make lots of community projects more viable .please contact me for further "guidance"		
Whatever is decided needs to be decided by the residents of Stewart Island and not outsiders!		
When my ancestors came first there were no pests, rats, cats possums, deer. Ignore who brought them. In almost 60 years of public meetings about Stewart Island and where to go to move forward, there have been people against most proposals- but things still get done. And most negative comments come from 'new' Islanders who are often gone tomorrow.		
Where is the funding to under take such an ambitious program. Past experience showed limited commitment to projects. (Undaria). Why a predator fence at halfmoon bay there are more strategic locations that would benefit (pegasus south)for example.		
who is to say that we are not the pest		
Why stop at half measures? Do the whole thing I reckon.		

Would like all of these non residents to remember this is our home too!		
Would love to have a predator-free island but I don't feel the community is united for this to happen. I feel that being predator-free isn't for Islanders, it's to give our unique flora and fauna a chance to survive and thrive.		
Wouldn't support aerial poisoning in township area, would support in some parts of the National Park where it is the only feasible method.		
You need to LISTEN to what residents are telling you, not brush off their comments as ill-informed hillbillies. After all, islanders have seen the outcome of previous projects such as the formation of a National Park, which we were told would lead to a much increased number of tourists as our trade-off for losing development and residential opportunities all over the island. We lost the opportunities and never got the tourists - a double negative whammy. Now the setup you are offering again, driven by outside interests who come across as knowing better than islanders what is good for the island, looks very similar to the last big punch in the solar plexus.		