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- I do wish to be heard in support of my submission; and if so,
- I would be prepared to consider presenting my submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission at any hearing

Your submission on the Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan

FIRSTLY

I vehemently object to the general term 'PESTS'. One man's pest is another man's pet.

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Part II

3.1

Eradication Pests

Animal Pests

It's unfortunate that certain species have been introduced into environments they were not suited to, but this is hardly the individual animals' fault. All animals, native and introduced, have an equal right to life and a gung-ho approach to culling has often proved disastrous. Let's face it, the term eradication is just another way of saying 'murder'.

If rooks are a danger to native wildlife then I suggest humane methods of diminishing their numbers be employed – sterilisation programs for instance or re-locating them to lesser impact areas.

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3.2: Containment Animal Pests

What is actually meant by 'containment'? Does it mean entrapment and release somewhere else or incarceration, or does it mean somehow fencing off certain areas. Cats, rabbits, stoats, etc are almost impossible to keep fenced in or out, so I'm curious how this is dealt with. And how do you contain insects like wasps? As you probably can't answer people individually, I'd just like to suggest, again, that humane methods always be employed.

FINALLY

On a separate issue: I've been told that baby geese and ducks are often taken from their mothers to 'keep numbers down', which is absolutely abhorrent, since it goes against the very nature and prime directive of life. Also, a council worker (who confessed to being a hunter) said that it's common policy to 'thin out' flocks of wild birds 'for their own good'.

It's not much good for the ones who die in pain. Just something to think about.