



The Comparison: Lethal Culling vs. The Stability Model

The leaky bucket...

Feature	Lethal Culling (DOC Model)	Stability Model (SGI/Kaitiaki Shield)
Strategy Type	Linear/Throwaway: Requires repeating the "mission" every year due to reinvasion.	Systemic/Reusable: Stabilises the population once, leading to long-term attrition.
Rodent Impact	System Instability: Removes the "scent barrier," triggering a <u>Rat Surge</u> (Mesopredator Release).	Natural Deterrent: Maintains the <u>Sentinel Shield</u> to keep rodents cautious and suppressed.
Cost Efficiency	Eternal Subscription: High annual costs for paid professionals, toxins, and traps.	Front-Loaded Investment: Higher initial cost for desexing but relies on volunteer labour for maintenance.
Funding Model	Government-Dependent: Reliant on the <u>\$70M+ annual Predator Free budget</u> .	Community-Powered: Independent and agile, avoiding bureaucratic "profit loops."
Success Metric	"Kill Count": High activity but zero long-term stability in open areas.	"Stability": A non-breeding population that blocks new arrivals.

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