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Permissions Team Leader
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Attn: Samantha Whittington

Dear Sir/Madam

APPLICATION TO LEASE LAND IN WHIRINAKI TE PUA-A-TANE FOR TOURISM ACCOMMODATION PURPOSES

On behalf of Manaaki Group Holdings Limited, approval is sought to lease a 1100 square metre site in the Moerangi valley of Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tane Conservation Park for the purpose of providing accommodation in association with my company's long-established business of multi-day guided walks. As recorded in the application, this is the second and final stage of a development project first included in our business planning in 2000.

As principal of the applicant company I have been involved in tourism activities in the Whirinaki Forest Park for more 25 years (including provision of multi-day and single day guided walks in the Park since 1993).

This lease application seeks to secure a new Lease on a site in the Moerangi valley identified by DOC officers in 2001, and to therefore enable the re-establishment of multi-day guided walking activities in Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tane Conservation Park.

It is the view of Manaaki Group Holdings Limited that the lease proposal is consistent with the relevant provisions of the Conservation Act 1987 and the Whirinaki te-Pua-a-Tane Conservation Plan (operative from October 2017) and reflects a private/public sector collaborative approach to the promotion of the ecological, scenic and cultural values of the Park.

I note that your Department has invoked a new process for Notified Lease applications and hopefully this will mean that this new application is handled expeditiously. If you require additional information or clarification on any aspect of this proposal please contact the writer.

Yours faithfully

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Publicly notified applications

The requirements for applications that are publicly notified have changed. DOC will now notify your application exactly **as it is received**. There will be no assessment made by DOC as to the merits of your application before it is notified (though it is possible more information may be requested).

For this reason, it is important you have enough detail in your application for the public to understand it. For guidance on what to include contact your local DOC office to arrange a pre-application meeting.