

OBJECTION OR SUBMISSION FORM

Publicly notified application for leases, licences, permits, or easements.



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

New Zealand Government

This form is to be used to provide objections or submissions concerning publicly notified applications for leases, licences, permits, or easements under section Sections 17SC and 49 of the Conservation Act 1987.

How do I make an objection or submission?

- Complete this form.

Note: DOC encourages electronic objection and submission forms (e.g. a typed word document).

- If you require additional space, attach or include extra documents and label them according to the relevant section. Record the document details in section **G Attachments**.
- Email your completed objection or submission and any attachments to Jessica Langley at jlangle@doc.govt.nz. You may also mail your objection or submission to: Director-General, c/o Department of Conservation, Hamilton Office, Private Bag 3072, Hamilton 3240.

Closing date of objections or submissions

The closing date and time for sending objections or submissions to the Director-General on this matter is 12 December 2025.

Privacy:

Note that objections or submissions are public documents. Your name and objection or submission will be included in documents that are available to the media and the public.

The Department will deal with any personal information you supply in your objection or submission in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993. The Department will only use your contact details for the purposes of processing the notified permissions application that it relates to (or in exceptional circumstances for other reasons permitted under the Privacy Act 1993).

Where your objection or submission is made publicly available, your contact details will be removed only if you have indicated this as your preference in the tick box on page two.

Under the Privacy Act 1993, you may request the right of access to, and correction of, personal information provided in this objection or submission.

The Department is likely to post your objection or submission on its website at www.doc.govt.nz. Once submitted, submitters' information is subject to the Official Information Act 1982 and may be released under that Act.

DO NOT SEND THIS PAGE WITH YOUR OBJECTION OR SUBMISSION

A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant

Tourism Holdings Ltd (trading as "Discover Waitomo") requires a lease for exclusive use of Aranui Cave and a license for facilities and structures within Ruakari Reserve leading to Aranui Cave. A permit is also required for guiding activities they conduct in Aranui Cave and the Ruakuri Scenic Reserve. This application is to allow an existing activity to continue for a proposed term of 10 years.

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Aranui Cave, Ruakuri Scenic Reserve, Waikato region. Location of maps of proposed activity are included on pages 21-22 of this document.

C.1 Objector or Submitter Information-

Submitter's name (list organisational name if submitting on behalf of a business, community group, etc.)

Contact person and role of organisation

Email
(Communication from DOC will be via email unless alternate contact requested)

Alternate contact for all DOC communication

Phone/Mobile

Postal Address and Post Code

☐ I wish to **keep my contact details confidential**

Note: Your contact details will be not made public, but your name and organisation will be published. DOC will send you all submitter communications.

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C.2 Your name

In placing your name and organisation below, you acknowledge that you are the person or authorised person submitting this objection or submission. You are also acknowledging that your name and organisation will be published.

Printed name of submitter or person authorised
on behalf of submitter

Organisation

Date

D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

- ☐ I **Support** this Application (I am making a submission)
- ☐ I am **Neutral** on this Application (I am making a submission).
- ☐ I **Oppose** this Application (I am making an objection).

E. Hearing Request

- ☐ I **Do Not** wish to be heard in support of this objection or submission at a hearing.
- ☐ I **Do** wish to be heard in support of this objection or submission at a hearing

F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:

Give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought if the application is approved.

G. Attachments

If you are using attachments to support your objection or submission clearly label each attachment, complete the table below and send in your attachments with this 'objection or submission form'.

Document title	Document format (e.g. Word, PDF, Excel, jpg etc.)	Description of attachment

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