Submission 1

New Zealand Government

A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant

125912-OTH – Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Application for a concession to construct a toilet facility for public use and a pilot's shelter for private use at Milford Aerodrome, within Fiordland National Park.

C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Antony Sproull
Organisation	Air Milford
Date	18 August 2026

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:

Submission in support of the Pilot Shelter and Public Toilets at the Milford Sound Airport.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

The airport has been in operation for 70 years, and no toilet facility has ever been provided in this timeframe. This makes it the only public airport in NZ without this amenity, which is a humiliation given it is the busiest General Aviation airfield in NZ. Milford Sound is considered the jewel in the crown for New Zealand's tourism industry with almost 1 million tourists in total, of that at least 100,000 arrive by air and the figure almost doubles when coach/cruise/fly combination tourists are accounted for. When these guests arrive at the airport after their cruise, on a peak summer day, there could be 300 pax departing the airport at the same time.

The need is clear for a facility, however is the proposed scope large enough for the demand mentioned?

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.

There are three areas of concern that require attention at Milford Sound Airport:

1. Toilet facilities mostly for pax use but also for pilots.
2. A terminal or housing facility for pax and pilots in transition, especially when raining or when sandflies are present (almost always).
3. Pilot office facility for rest (tea coffee etc) and flight planning.

This proposal attends to two of the three. Has shelter for passengers from sandflies or rain been considered? There is no commercial airport in NZ without a terminal facility for pax. At the least an outdoor area in front of the toilets, that is enclosed with sandfly netting should be designed. There needs to be provision for seating for customers waiting for their flight e.g. departure lounge.

Are x3 toilets enough for the demand? We don't believe so. There should be at least 3 male urinals.

Lastly, if the proposed location is used, where will Milford Sound Helicopters park their staff vehicles - have they been consulted about this?

G. Attachments

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Submission 2

Name of submitter: James Stokes

Organisation: QMUG

Support, oppose or neutral: I Support this Application (I am making a submission)

Hearing request: I Do Not wish to be heard in support of this objection or submission at a hearing.

Specific parts: The Toilets and Pilots shelter

Reasons: This is a long time coming and very much overdue. Milford airport needs to have facilities commensurate with its status as a premium gateway to Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. Lack of toilets is a constant complaint from customers and pilots will appreciate a place to get out if the sand flies.

Outcomes: Ensure the facilities do not detract from the scenery.

Submission 3

OBJECTION OR SUBMISSION

Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawbai
New Zealand Government

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Haylee Preston
Organisation	Milford Sound Tourism Limited (MSTL)
Date	14/9/2026

D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

X 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

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

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F. Objection or submission

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

This submission relates to the proposed public toilet facility and pilots' shelter at Piopiotahi Milford Sound Airport, including its location, environmental effects, visitor amenity and connection to existing infrastructure.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Milford Sound Tourism Limited (MSTL) has owned and operated essential community infrastructure in Piopiotahi for over 30 years. In addition to this, MSTL also operates the community/airport shuttle. There has been a need for toilets to be located at the airport for a long time.

MSTL supports this application.

The proposed toilet facility will provide a much-needed amenity for passengers and other airport users. The facility will also improve accessibility for families, elderly visitors and people with disabilities, and reduce the likelihood of visitors needing to use the surrounding natural environment.

We support the proposed location as it is within the existing developed airport area. The use of existing infrastructure, including the connection to MSTL's sewerage scheme, is also supported.

MSTL considers the proposed pilots' shelter will provide additional benefits by supporting safe and efficient airport operations.

Overall, we consider the proposal will provide positive benefits for visitors, airport users and the wider Piopiotahi Milford Sound environment.

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.

MSTL supports the application being approved.

We support appropriate conditions to ensure that:

- Construction and ongoing operation minimise disturbance to the surrounding environment and airport users.
- The design is fitting for the environment and positive guest experience.
- That thought is given to the turning circle required of the airport shuttle, and that this area is always kept clear of vehicles and pedestrians.
- The facility is appropriately maintained and kept clean and accessible for all members of the public.
- The connection to MSTL's sewerage infrastructure is undertaken in accordance with the relevant requirements.

MSTL consider these measures appropriate to ensure that health and safety obligations are observed and that the significant public, visitor, environmental and aviation benefits of the proposal are achieved while keeping adverse effects on the values of Fiordland National Park to a minimum.

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Submission 4

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Fiona Black
Organisation	Realnz Limited (Real Journeys)
Date	14 September 2026

D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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F. Objection or submission

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Real Journeys submission relates to the whole Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport application to install toilet facilities and a pilot shelter at the Milford Aerodrome, Milford Sound Piopiotahi, Fiordland National Park.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Real Journeys (Realnz) supports the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport application to install toilet facilities and a pilot shelter at the Milford Aerodrome, Milford Sound Piopiotahi. This improvement to the Milford Aerodrome infrastructure has been greatly needed for decades.

As identified in their concession application, the existing closest toilet facilities are about 5-10minutes away from the Milford Aerodrome and this creates operational problems for the aircraft operators with their passengers going off to use these toilets outside the Blue Duck Café and missing their outbound flight or delaying their outbound flight as they cannot be found in a timely manner. Also having toilet facilities at the Milford Aerodrome is very much expected by visitors and will improve the visitor experience for aircraft passengers.

However, another aspect that compromises flight companies' visitor experience of Piopiotahi is a lack of a place to wait for their flight away from sandflies. Therefore, Realnz contends that the Ministry for the Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport consider that part of the proposed pilot shelter is set aside as a waiting area for flight passengers.

The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:
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As discussed above, consideration should be given to setting aside part of the proposed pilot shelter as a waiting area for flight passengers to assist in enabling passengers avoid being bitten by sandflies. Visitors to Aotearoa who have not been exposed to sandflies may have a more severe reaction to a sandfly bite than those who live here.[1]

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[1] https://www.healthnz.govt.nz/health-topics/keeping-healthy/healthy-homes-environments/insect-bites-and-pest-control/treating-sandfly-bites