

Michael Dine

From: Permissions Christchurch
Sent: Thursday, 20 January 2022 9:38 am
To: Michael Dine
Subject: Submission for 97340-MAR FW: Dolphin Tours Lyttelton harbour.

Harriet Kemp

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Whare Ōtautahi | Christchurch Office
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From: Doug George **s 9(2)(a) privacy**
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 10:16 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch <permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Dolphin Tours Lyttelton harbour.

To D.O.C. submissions re. Jet ski dolphin tours Lyttelton Harbour.

My wife and I have sailed our yacht in Lyttelton harbour and surrounds for 21 years.

We oppose this venture in every way possible.

The proposer states they will take every precaution necessary for the wellbeing of these beautiful creatures.

We do not believe them.

As for them saying that they will be also viewing fur seals, well, good luck with that, in our 21 years as mentioned previously the sightings we have made could be counted on one hand.

This venture should not be allowed to happen.

Doug and Margaret George.

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Michael Dine

From: Permissions Christchurch
Sent: Thursday, 20 January 2022 9:37 am
To: Michael Dine
Subject: Submission for 97340-MAR FW: Submission re vJet ski dolphin tours plan for Canterbury harbour

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From: R&V Tanner **s 9(2)(a) privacy**
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 9:37 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch <permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Submission re vJet ski dolphin tours plan for Canterbury harbour

Hi

I am astounded that tours on jetskis to view animals in the wild would be allowed- given that the animals view this area as their home and in my view this kind of tourism would be noisy and annoying to them, and affect their peaceful natures . Jet skis we all know are noisy and affect the ambience of any seaside resort. The drivers can not be guaranteed to all be perfectly compliant and also would be in a group therefore not as peaceful as a boat would be to the dolphins. The attraction of jetskis is also likely to attract some people who want to race on the water as well as those who would be reasonable on the water. This is not appropriate for nature tours and I strongly contest this proposal .

Richard Tanner

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Tanner family

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From: Permissions Christchurch
Sent: Thursday, 20 January 2022 9:37 am
To: Michael Dine
Subject: Submission for 97340-MAR FW: Jet skis and dolphins in Lyttleton Harbour.
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From: [REDACTED] s 9(2)(a) privacy
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 6:15 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch <permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Jet skis and dolphins in Lyttleton Harbour. CONFIDENTIAL SUBMISSION

Dear DOC Permissions,

I am writing to you about the t has come to my attention the application made establish a commercial jet ski based dolphin watching business in Lyttelton Harbour.

As a regular waka ama paddler I'm aware of a very small and vulnerable population of Hector's dolphins on the harbour. With the large amount of development work on the harbour in recent years the population is already under considerable stress.

To start a commercial operation, taking tourists to chase these few dolphins around is misguided in two ways. Firstly it further aggravates a threatened species and secondly will fail to deliver a service to paying tourists who will inevitably fail to be see more than very few if any dolphins.

Best regards

[REDACTED] s 9(2)(a) privacy

Sent from my Galaxy

Michael Dine

From: Permissions Christchurch
Sent: Thursday, 20 January 2022 9:37 am
To: Michael Dine
Subject: Submission for 97340-MAR FW: Jet Junkies application

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From: Aaron Cross **s 9(2)(a) privacy**
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 6:14 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch <permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Jet Junkies application

Hello,

Im opposed to the application from jet junkies to engage with dolphins, because its absurd. By trying to be ambassadors for other jet ski users, they are encouraging others to also approach the wildlife. This interaction is not appropriate and risks stressing the animals. Jetski operators cannot be trusted to be responsible in this setting.

I urge DOC to decline the operation.
Aaron Cross.

Michael Dine

From: Permissions Christchurch
Sent: Thursday, 20 January 2022 9:37 am
To: Michael Dine
Subject: Submission for 97340-MAR FW: Jet ski dolphin tours plan for the Lyttleton Harbour

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From: Andrew Dakers **s 9(2)(a) privacy**
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 4:41 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch <permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Jet ski dolphin tours plan for the Lyttleton Harbour

To whom it may concern

I was concerned to read in today's *The Press*, (19 Jan 22) of the proposal for jet ski dolphin tours in Lyttleton Harbour.

While the report says that the applicants state on paper they will control the speed and wake of the jet skis, presumably in the vicinity of the dolphins, I am very sceptical that they will, in reality, achieve this effectively.

I believe it is unlikely that individuals who are members of an organisation with the name "Jet Junkies" will in reality adhere to best behaviour. The risk too hectic dolphin well-being is, in my view, far too high

It is very unlikely that the behaviour of the jet skiers can be effectively monitored, controlled and policed.

I would like it noted that I am totally opposed to this proposal.

Andrew Dakers
s 9(2)(a) privacy



Michael Dine

From: Permissions Christchurch
Sent: Thursday, 20 January 2022 9:36 am
To: Michael Dine
Subject: Submission for 97340-MAR FW: Jet ski-based dolphin tours.

Harriet Kemp
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-----Original Message-----

From: Marjorie Columbus **s 9(2)(a) privacy**
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 3:52 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch <permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Jet ski-based dolphin tours.

I am appalled that anybody would think of jet skiing around dolphins.
Please stop this application from Jet Junkies for a marine mammal permit.

Marjorie Columbus.

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privacy**

Sent from my iPad

Michael Dine

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To: Michael Dine
Subject: Submission for 97340-MAR FW: Jet ski dolphin tours

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From: alisonskilton4 **s 9(2)(a) privacy**
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 3:33 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch <permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Jet ski dolphin tours

I am opposed to the idea of jet ski dolphin tours. Our marine life in Aotearoa is under threat from many sources without adding an additional one!

Kind regards
Alison Skilton

Sent from my Galaxy

Michael Dine

From: Permissions Christchurch
Sent: Thursday, 20 January 2022 9:36 am
To: Michael Dine
Subject: Submission for 97340-MAR FW: Re Jet Ski Dolphin tours - Lyttelton Harbour

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From: Gerald Bruce-smith **s 9(2)(a) privacy**
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 3:27 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch <permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re Jet Ski Dolphin tours - Lyttelton Harbour

I wish to lodge an objection to the current application to operate this activity in Lyttelton Harbour. Communication between whales and other mammals is via sound frequencies and I cannot fathom why the introduction of groups of jet ski - which will be generating undersea noise - would be permitted in their locality, particularly given the fragility of their numbers. Surely DOC should be focused on the restoration of this species to their traditional habitat, rather than compromising the encouraging signs - apparently evident todate.

Thanks

Gerald Bruce-Smith

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Subject: Submission for 97340-MAR FW: Submission on Jet Junkies Limited permit application

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From: Kate Finnerty **s 9(2)(a) privacy**
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 3:16 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch <permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Submission on Jet Junkies Limited permit application

I am writing to object to the Jet Junkies Ltd permit application.

My objection is based on the belief that marine mammals in New Zealand and Lyttelton Harbour need to be protected from the disruptive influence of water craft. The activity of water craft can negatively impact on the feeding patterns and sleeping habits of marine mammals - surely, they have enough to deal with.

Kate Finnerty

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Michael Dine

From: Permissions Christchurch
Sent: Thursday, 20 January 2022 9:35 am
To: Michael Dine
Subject: Submission for 97340-MAR FW: Jet Junkies application for permit to operate jet ski -based dolphin tours in Lyttelton Harbour

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From: manleydl **s 9(2)(a) privacy**
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 2:11 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch <permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Jet Junkies application for permit to operate jet ski -based dolphin tours in Lyttelton Harbour

Dear DOC,

I totally oppose the granting of this permit on several grounds including: the added risks to our already endangered marine wildlife; the added noise pollution in the Lyttelton Harbour area; the fact that there is no good reason to permit this nor any benefit to the general public, and it would serve no-one other than a small group of Jet Junkies!....says it all!

Yours sincerely
Laurette Manley

----- Forwarded message -----

From: manleydl **s 9(2)(a) privacy**
Date: 19 Jan 2022 13:53
Subject: Jet Junkies application for permit to operate jet ski -based dolphin tours in Lyttelton Harbour
To: <permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz>
Cc:

Dear DOC,

I wish to strongly oppose this application. It would be like giving boy racers permission to operate a driving school! 😞 How in God's earth would this be a good idea? Giving someone a permit to create more daily noise pollution in the harbour and chase already endangered marine life around on Jet Skis to make a few bucks would be idiocy, and the credibility of DOC itself would be down the proverbial toilet. Notwithstanding any proposed "safeguards" or "assurances", this should not be allowed to happen if DOC takes its role as custodian of our native wildlife seriously at all.

Yours sincerely
Dave Manley

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From: Permissions Christchurch
Sent: Thursday, 20 January 2022 9:35 am
To: Michael Dine
Subject: Submission for 97340-MAR FW: Jet Junkies application for permit to operate jet ski -based dolphin tours in Lyttelton Harbour

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From: manleydl <[s 9\(2\)\(a\) privacy](#)>
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 1:54 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch <permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Jet Junkies application for permit to operate jet ski -based dolphin tours in Lyttelton Harbour

Dear DOC,

I wish to strongly oppose this application. It would be like giving boy racers permission to operate a driving school! 😞 How in God's earth would this be a good idea? Giving someone a permit to create more daily noise pollution in the harbour and chase already endangered marine life around on Jet Skis to make a few bucks would be idiocy, and the credibility of DOC itself would be down the proverbial toilet. Notwithstanding any proposed "safeguards" or "assurances", this should not be allowed to happen if DOC takes its role as custodian of our native wildlife seriously at all.

Yours sincerely
Dave Manley

Michael Dine

From: Permissions Christchurch
Sent: Thursday, 20 January 2022 9:35 am
To: Michael Dine
Subject: Submission for 97340-MAR FW: Jet Ski Tourism on Lyttleton Harbour

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From: John Hill s 9(2)(a) privacy
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 1:45 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch <permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Jet Ski Tourism on Lyttleton Harbour

Kia ora DOC

I wish to register my opposition to allowing jet ski dolphin tourism to occur in Lyttleton Harbour. Jet skis are highly invasive pieces of machinery which produce significant sound due to their high revving engines and I have no doubt that these sound vibrations will affect highly sensitive marine mammals such as the Hector's Dolphins. On top of this I think that our marine mammals have a right to some environmental privacy. Jet skis are much smaller than other observational watercraft and can therefore penetrate smaller and shallower areas which means that some of the area fur seals bask and rest on rocks may become disturbed and affected.

Nga mihi

John Hill

Michael Dine

From: Permissions Christchurch
Sent: Thursday, 20 January 2022 9:34 am
To: Michael Dine
Subject: Submission for 97340-MAR FW: Ewwie Jetskis

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From: Eleanor Forrest **s 9(2)(a) privacy**
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 1:23 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch <permissionschristchurch@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Ewwie Jetskis

Ewww pls no to jetskis in the Lyttleton Harbour, think of the little dolphins and the serenity, can we not?!?!

Michael Dine

From: fionadunkley s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 1:15 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch
Subject: Jet skis and Hector's Dolphins

I am TOTALLY OPPOSED to this proposal where commercial interests come ahead of protecting the dolphins. I am appalled that DOC would even consider it.

Jet skis are an absolute abomination

with the noise they create, ruining it for everyone.

They should be restricted to the open ocean where they don't disturb people and the environment.

Please do not give permission for this disgusting proposal to go ahead.

Sent from my iPhone

Michael Dine

From: Petra Sullivan s 9(2)(a) privacy
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 12:52 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch
Subject: Submission on Jet Junkies Limited permit application

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to oppose the proposal of jet junkies being allowed to operate in the harbor.

The endangered dolphins that come to the harbor need protecting not have jet skis chasing them. There are already options to swim with dolphins etc run from Akaroa, so if their argument is educating people there are already option near by for this. please keep Lyttelton a safe place for the dolphins and other marine life.

The harbor also is host to a lot of recreational activities that regular jet skiing would potentially impact such as swimmers, kayakers, paddle boarders ect.

It's our responsibility to minimize any impact to the environment and I believe if this company was able to kick off then we would drive the dolphins away and cause extra traffic and noise to the harbor.

I hope this proposal is rejected for the sake of our precious endangered dolphins.

Kind regards,
Petra Sullivan
s 9(2)(a)

Michael Dine

From: kimgil s 9(2)(a) privacy
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 11:51 am
To: Permissions Christchurch
Subject: Submission re jet ski dolphin tours

Hi

I wish to register my submission against the proposed jet ski dolphin tours in Lyttleton harbour.

Hector dolphins are already under huge threat and are continuing to decline in in numbers.

The effect of jet skis on marine mammals is unknown but potentially hugely detrimental to the Hector population just to make a buck.

Please don't let this go ahead.

Regards,

Karen Gilchrist.

s 9(2)
(a)

Sent from my Galaxy

Michael Dine

From: John Dalrymple-Alford s 9(2)(a) privacy
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 10:04 am
To: Permissions Christchurch
Cc: john dalrymple
Subject: Submission concerning application by Jet Junkies Limited for a marine mammal permit for the purpose of commercial vessel based marine mammal viewing in Lyttelton Harbour and surrounding heads.

Categories: Red Category

Kia ora,

Submission concerning application by Jet Junkies Limited for a marine mammal permit for the purpose of commercial vessel based marine mammal viewing in Lyttelton Harbour and surrounding heads.

1. I strongly oppose this application.
2. The use of jet skis around protected and endangered species, including our unique dolphins, requires considered scientific evaluation and detailed quantitative research, in advance. At minimum, there should be a sequence of systematic studies examining this issue after due consideration by animal ethics committees. The claim that the skis would be running slowly does not mean that there is no effect on the behaviour of these mammals. To my knowledge, there have been no studies examining this issue in Lyttelton Harbour – each environment can be unique. The applicants provide no scientific studies for evaluation.
3. There may be better alternatives to view wildlife that are considerably less disturbing, which would still provide educational material.
4. The considerable noise made by jetskis would affect wildlife, because the wildlife is not static. So, any loud noise, which is considerable with jetski operation to get to any semi-random viewing sites, would have an impact well beyond the specific times when the applicants claim that the skis will be “relatively quiet”, apparently assuming that the dolphins they seek are relatively static. The notion that there is “no wake” by pressing a button assumes there is never a considerable wake in the harbour and that marine life during these times are unaffected.
5. During the past year, with far fewer vehicles / vessels in the harbour, I have observed a remarkable increase in marine life activity towards the end of the harbour. It seems that less disturbance to the natural environment is conducive to marine life activity, because one can assume that more activity towards the very end of the harbour is a metric that reflects greater activity throughout the harbour.
6. It is inappropriate that the applicant proposes making “donations to DOC on the basis of the number of trips”. Some might consider this to be attempting to bias the process. They mention donations to a charity for marine life. Both of these activities should not be connected with applications made for commercial gain. Do they have a history of donations to DOC or charities – or is this only if their application is approved?
7. Jetskis make considerable environmental noise – it is a unique noise hazard that is well above the average, irrespective of whether newer models are a bit quieter. Their considerable noise is a disturbance to all life in the bay, including the many valued birds species. This has been observed first hand. The applicant claims that they have been “operating” for many years in the harbour, so one might assume that they contribute to the noise mentioned because I have never witnessed jetskiers running at minimum speed beyond a minute or two when they are in the harbour.

Nga mihi

John Dalrymple-Alford

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Private address:

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Michael Dine

From: Linda Hook s 9(2)(a) privacy
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 7:51 am
To: Permissions Christchurch
Subject: Jet Ski Dolphin tours Lyttleton harbour

Good morning, I would like to ask DOC not to allow this commercial operation to proceed for the safety of the dolphins that live and feed in our harbour.

There is only a small population of these animals left and anything that could disrupt their safety and future should be avoided at all costs.

Our harbour is already in use by the port and many recreational craft.

Please let's not endanger the future of these dolphins for someone's short term profit.

Yours sincerely Linda Hook.

Michael Dine

From: s 9(2)(a) privacy
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 6:35 am
To: Permissions Christchurch
Subject: Lyttleton JetSki tours

To whom it may concern,

It was with his dismay that I read the article in the stuff website this morning about potential JetSki tours in Littleton harbour. This is a recipe for disaster in my opinion. JetSki's are loud, stress causing and dangerous to all marine animals even when operated safely. I live in Raglan and during the summer sail almost every day on a beautiful harbor. Over the summer I have observed three large shags floating dead in the harbour. During this time we have a large number of holiday makers using jet skis or boats to tow biscuits with kids aboard. The jet skis often exceed speed and safety limits as well as the designated areas of operation and from the way I have observed them operated I am fairly certain that they have struck and killed these birds as they are fishing.

JetSki's while a fun I, exciting experience for the user are also extremely intrusive and inherently dangerous to all marine life. They are completely unsuited for the stated purpose of observing an endangered sea creature such as a hectors dolphin in a confined harbour. I can only imagine the stress this will place these creatures as they are pursued by a pack of jet skis or even come across them in the harbor. It is ludicrous to think that even being operated "safely" they will not stress and endanger further an already endangered species.

I cannot think that anyone other than a commercially motivated operator would believe this was a safe and suitable option for it stated purpose. I am also sure that 90% plus of the public will feel the same. Please act quickly and decisively and dismiss this application ASAP.

Regards s 9(2)(a) privacy

Sent from my iPhone

Michael Dine

From: Timothy Hennessy s 9(2)(a) privacy
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 7:11 am
To: Permissions Christchurch
Subject: Jet Ski Dolphin Tours

I live on Akaroa Harbour and the dolphins are continually hounded by commercial and recreational vessels. Time to truly protect these incredible creatures. A boat trip on Akaroa harbour guarantees a sighting. Probably the only place on earth where this is possible.

We need fewer boats harrassing the dolphins, interrupting their feeding. DOC need to stop issuing any permits, reduce the number of interactions and truly manage this resource.

Tim

Tim Hennessy
s 9(2)(a)

Michael Dine

From: Ray Delany s 9(2)(a) privacy
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 7:06 am
To: Permissions Christchurch
Subject: Jet ski dolphin tours

Greetings

I am writing to express my strong opposition to permitting the use of jet skis to observe dolphins and other marine life in the wild as reported in Stuff recently.

In my experience as a frequent water user on a kayak, jet skis are intrusive and obnoxious vessels in any environment at the best of times. The idea expressed by the applicants that only a “minority” of users are irresponsible is laughable as the vessels themselves appear to be designed purely for hooning with very little other practical use due to their nature. I have NEVER observed a jet ski user behaving responsibly. The noise levels even at a distance are disruptive and extremely annoying to humans and I cannot imagine the effect they would have on cetaceans who use sound to navigate.

At a time when all human beings should be concerning themselves with reducing the level of carbon they emit I am appalled at the idea that that we would encourage further frivolous activities of this nature.

As to the dolphins themselves, as a species we have already done enough damage to the habitats of these wonderful creatures, and stuck our noses into their business for no other reason than to satisfy our own curiosity. They deserve to be left in peace.

to permit jet skis tours near dolphins would be like allowing quad bike tours in a Kiwi sanctuary.

I believe this application should be firmly rejected.

Kind regards

Ray Delany
s 9(2)(a)
privacy

Sent from my iPhone

Michael Dine

From: s 9(2)(a) privacy
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 6:27 am
To: Permissions Christchurch
Subject: Jet ski dolphin tours

Hi,

I'm completely against this idea.

Dolphins aren't toys for our amusement and they don't need any more interference from us.

Cheers,

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Michael Dine

From: s 9(2)(a) privacy
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 6:07 am
To: Permissions Christchurch
Subject: Jet skis and dolphins in Lyttleton Harbour. CONFIDENTIAL SUBMISSION

Categories: Red Category

Dear DOC Permissions

I'm in Lyttleton Harbour on an outrigger about 3 times a week. Most jet skis are an absolute menace, speeding close to other craft, at times cutting in front of them, traveling at more than 5 knots near the shore and so on. There is little the coastguard can do to regulate their very poor collective behaviour.

Jet Junkies do not behave like this. They are a responsible company and it is easy to spot these craft on the water since they do follow the rules (and are passionate about this).

Despite this, the accumulative effect of the extra disturbance on these rare mammals in the harbour concerns me greatly. The proposal to allow dolphins to be tracked around by jet skis as they go about their lives is very concerning, even from behind and at distance. The noise generated by these craft dominate the harbour at times and its far louder under the water.

I've been out in the harbour (on my single outrigger) with dolphins nearby. They were enduring the percussive noise of the wharf pile driver, roaring jet skis and marine boats. These precious marine animals already endure an acoustic cacophony.

If people want to see dolphins there are already far less invasive opportunities. One boat for all customers is more appropriate (and easier to regulate) than multiple jet skis which are noisy nimble craft which will cause dolphins far more disruption.

Allowing jetskis to operate commercially to sightsee vulnerable marine species would also set a concerning precedent for the rest of New Zealand.

Sincerely

s 9(2)(a) privacy

Michael Dine

From: Steve Procter s 9(2)(a) privacy
Sent: Tuesday, 18 January 2022 8:08 pm
To: Permissions Christchurch
Subject: Submission on Jet Junkies Limited permit application

This appears to be a very sketchy application.
No stakeholder discussions.
No response from Iwi.
No real idea of how people on jetskis will stick to rules.
No experience with mammal encounters.
No details or even outline of proposed wildlife leaflet.
The timeframes for wildlife encounters seem very optimistic.
I do not support this.

Cheers
Steve