

**A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant**

45654-OTH Fiordland Lobster

B. Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Restriction of access via installation of a permanent fence to the commercial port area of Deepwater Basin, Milford Sound Piopiotahi.

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

Carey David Hancox

Organisation

Date

3rd February 2025**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:

Building a permanent fence in Fiordland National Park and restricting access to a public wharf

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I operate a recreational boat which is moored in Deep Water Basin and therefore require access to fresh water and fuel. The Wharf also provides safe access to the boat for boarding/disembarking and loading/unloading with supplies.

Milford is a port which should service boats for travelling the coast (ie access to fuel and fresh water) before making safe passage north or south. The next port being Greymouth if heading north and Riverton or Bluff if heading south.

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.

What are the plans for larger boats refueling in Milford Sound?

If access is restricted and/or a fence is installed, could there still be an access granted to accommodate current residents of Milford/Deep Water Basin (moored boat owners) so that they can still access fuel/water as well as loading and unloading options?

We believe there is wider issue here in Deep Water Basin and that the current situation there is untenable requiring substantial capital investment to provide facilities for recreational/public and commercial interests. (ie Warf extension, public boat ramp upgrade, attention to ablution block and car parking for tourists and boaties. We believe user pays but everyone needs to be accommodated and given the freedom to explore Fiordland. It should not be an area with restricted access. It is a National Park and there needs to be regulation and education and guidelines for everybody so it can be a place of harmony which it is advertised as worldwide and supposed to be!

The current facilities there are completely inadequate and need a complete rethink and redevelopment to accommodate all parties.

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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