

**Lynette Trewavas**

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**From:** Lueez Hemi <[REDACTED]>  
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**To:** Permissions Hamilton <[permissionshamilton@doc.govt.nz](mailto:permissionshamilton@doc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Line via okere falls

As a shareholder  
My answer is No!  
No zip line  
More rubbish  
I say No



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71070-OTH (Okere Adventures Limited)

**B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)**

Lease of part of Okere Falls Scenic Reserve to construct and use a seven stage zipline.

**C. Submitter Information-**

Full Name (also list organisational name if submitting on behalf of a business, community group, etc.):  
David Robert Granger

Address for Service (Postal Address):

[Redacted]

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\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code:1011

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Telephone: [Redacted] Email Address: [Redacted]

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**D. Statement of Support/Opposition**

I (circle one) **Support** / ~~Neutral~~ / **Oppose** this Application.

**E. Hearing Request**

I (circle one): ~~Do~~ / **Do Not** wish to be heard in support of this submission at a hearing.

## F. Submission

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

The whole application

My submission is [include the reasons for your views]:

Traffic intensification and associated dangers:

State Highway 33 at and before the bridge crossing the Kaituna River is already a very high traffic area with significant difficulty for pedestrians crossing the road. There is no justification for further traffic intensification and associated dangers relating to this application.

Quiet enjoyment versus pure commercial gain:

Currently the Okere Falls Reserve provides an area of quiet walking enjoyment. The installation of and commercial operation of 6 ziplines over the Okere Falls Reserve for no other reason other than commercial gain is not justified.

Parking intensification:

Whilst the 'customers' of the proposed application may park in the assigned carparks close to Rotorua Rafting there is every likelihood the associated friends and family of the 'customers' who seek to view the 'customers' activities from the ground will park in the existing Reserve Carpark to then walk into the reserve so they can see their friends on the ziplines. This will be out of the control of the zipline operators and will significantly increase the parking intensification on and around the existing Reserve Carpark.

Vegetation clearance, need for ongoing maintenance, potential for adverse effects:

The application calls for vegetation clearance and ongoing maintenance. The Wildlands report states there is the potential for adverse effects. This vegetation clearance and potential for adverse effects is being undertaken purely for commercial gain.

What outcomes would you like to address with your submission? [give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought]:

I can see no justification for the application and want the whole submission to be rejected entirely.

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## G. Your Signature



Signature of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

David Robert Granger

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

26/08/2019

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Ian Wills

Address for Service (Postal Address):



Post Code: 3116

Telephone:



Email Address:



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I support this project. Its exciting to see a business with ethics and values that add value to the environment.

My submission is [include the reasons for your views]:

I think the way that this will be handled seems to be great. Lots of kaitiaki initiative in using minimal impact methods, native tree planting and also predator control.

Electric vehicles. etc.

What outcomes would you like to address with your submission? [give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought]:

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Ian Wills

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29/08/19

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All of the application

My submission is [include the reasons for your views]:

The impact positively on the community especially around increasing the visitor numbers to Okere Falls

The regeneration of native tree planting that will take place

The predator control

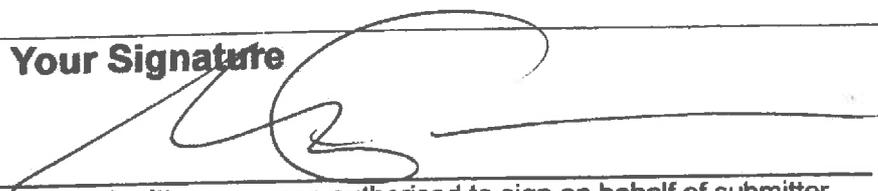
The increase in funding privately to improve the state of the reserve

Free public transport to Okere Falls

What outcomes would you like to address with your submission? [give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought]:

I think that the application as is is fantastic

**G. Your Signature**



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Michael Dawson

Printed name of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

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Full Name (also list organisational name if submitting on behalf of a business, community group, etc.):

Maraea Te Wairangi Grant

Address for Service (Postal Address):

[REDACTED]

Post Code:

[REDACTED]

Telephone:

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:

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I Support this Application.

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I Do wish to be heard in support of this submission at a hearing.

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

The all round benefits to this submission. Specifically the low environmental impact, but also environmental gain from revegetation. The economic benefits are significant and willingness to work with and include local iwi as a way of mentoring a business venture which has flow on affects. Having a well connected and respected sportsman and businessman in his area, this proposal adds even more value to a priceless landscape.

My submission is [include the reasons for your views]:

To grant the resource consent for this project.

What outcomes would you like to address with your submission? [give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought]:

I think the benefits speak for themselves. I do not currently see any aspects that need amending.

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          Maraea Te Wairangi Grant            
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Printed name of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

30 August 2019 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Full Name (also list organisational name if submitting on behalf of a business, community group, etc.):

ROBERT NORTON on behalf of NINE of the TEN OWNERS of MAORI FREEHOLD LAND OKERE 1B3C31

Address for Service (Postal Address):

[Redacted] Post Code: [Redacted]

Telephone:

[Redacted] (Home)

Email Address:

[Redacted]

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ONLY AS I LIVE IN AUSTRALIA.

A NEW ZEALAND BASED OWNER OR REPRESENTATIVE  
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The specific parts of the application that this submission relates to are:

- PART 6 - CONSULTATION
- WRITTEN APPROVALS

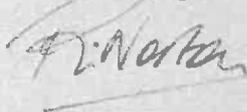
My submission is [include the reasons for your views]:

I AM ONE OF TEN OWNERS OF THE VACANT MAORI FREEHOLD LAND KNOWN AS OKERE 1B3C3A. IS 1601 SQUARE METRE SECTION WHICH IS PARTLY FENCED, IS LOCATED AT 763 STATE HIGHWAY 33, OKERE FALLS, ROTORUA. SAMUEL MARK SUTTON, OWNER OF ROTORUA RAFTING AND MAJORITY SHAREHOLDER OF OKERE ADVENTURES LTD, CURRENTLY LEASES TWO SECTIONS OTHER SIDE OF OKERE 1B3C3A. ONE SECTION IS USED FOR HIS RAFTING BASE OPERATIONS AND THE OTHER IS A CARPARK FOR THE PROPOSED ZIPLINE VENTURE AS STATED IN THE CONSENT APPLICATION. NONE OF THE TEN OWNERS OF OUR SECTION WERE NOT ADVISED NOR CONSULTED ABOUT THE PROPOSED ZIPLINE VENTURE. ONE OF THE TEN OWNERS, RAWIRI KINGI, HAS LEASED HIS PRIVATELY OWNED LAND OKERE 1B3C3B2 (1232m<sup>2</sup>) TO SAMUEL SUTTON AS A CARPARK FOR THE PROPOSED VENTURE. RAWIRI KINGI CALLED A MEETING OF OWNERS OF OKERE 1B3C3A ON MARCH 31 2019, AS SAMUEL SUTTON WISHED TO LEASE THE FRONT PART OF OUR SECTION. A FORMAL PROPOSAL, WRITTEN OR VERBAL, WAS NOT PUT FORWARD TO THE OWNERS BY EITHER RAWIRI KINGI OR SAMUEL SUTTON. HE WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING. THE PROPOSED ZIPLINE VENTURE WAS NOT MENTIONED IN ANY SHAPE OR FORM. THE REQUEST TO LEASE WAS UNEQUIVOCALLY DECLINED BY THE OWNERS. THE FIRST ANY OF THE OWNERS HEARD REGARDING OKERE ADVENTURES AND THE ZIPLINE VENTURE WAS WHEN THEIR APPLICATION BECAME AVAILABLE TO READ ON-LINE. PRIOR TO THE CONSENT APPLICATION BEING PREPARED, NEITHER SAMUEL SUTTON OF OKERE ADVENTURES, PIKI THOMAS OF OKERE INCORPORATION AND HARU REPRESENTATIVE OF NATI HINERANGI AND HINEKIRI OR RAWIRI KINGI, AS PART OWNER OF OKERE 1B3C3A AND SOLE OWNER OF OKERE ADVENTURES CARPARK, ADVISED OR CONSULTED ANY OF THE OTHER NINE OWNERS OF OKERE 1B3C3A FOR WRITTEN APPROVAL AS AN AFFECTED PARTY FOR THEIR CONSENT APPLICATION. NOTHING WAS RECEIVED VERBALLY, BY WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE OR BY E-MAIL.

What outcomes would you like to address with your submission? [give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought]:

THE ABOVE MENTIONED OWNERS (9) OF OKERE 1B3C3A THAT WERE NOT CONTACTED OR CONSULTED FOR WRITTEN APPROVAL AS AN AFFECTED PARTY, THEREFORE OPPOSE THIS APPLICATION. HOWEVER, EVEN IF THE OWNERS HAD BEEN CONTACTED AND ADVISED, WE WOULD STILL HAVE OPPOSED THE APPLICATION AS ACCESS AND PRIVACY RIGHTS TO OUR LAND ARE IMPAIRED ENOUGH ALREADY, WITH THE PRESENT RAFTING OPERATIONS OWNED AND RUN BY SAMUEL SUTTON.

### G. Your Signature



Signature of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

ROBERT NORTON

Printed name of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

05/09/2019

Date





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Joe Anderson

Address for Service (Postal Address):

Post Code

Telephone:

Email Address:

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I Support this Application.

**E. Hearing Request**

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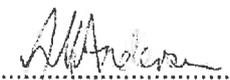
The specific parts of the application that this submission relates to are: the entire submission

My submission is [include the reasons for your views]: As a white water kayak enthusiast, I think this would raise the public profile of our sport.

What outcomes would you like to address with your submission? [give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought]:

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Joe Anderson  
Printed name of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

6/9/19  
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Full Name (also list organisational name if submitting on behalf of a business, community group, etc.):

MARY SHANNON KINGI HENSHILWOOD ON BEHALF OF OWNERS OKERE 183C2A

Address for Service (Postal Address): [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Post Code: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED] Email Address: [REDACTED]

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## F. Submission

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

- Consultation
- Written Approvals
- Carpark & Burial Site

My submission is [include the reasons for your views]:

I am the Daughter of the owners for the Land known as Okere 1B3C3A Location 763 State Hwy 33, Okere Falls, Rotorua, between proposed carpark/raft Rauiri Kingi - my Mother's brother (Lanira Henshilwood-Mother) called a meeting for all owners March 31, 2019. Reason was Samuel Sutton wished to Lease the front part of the Section, without any formal proposal either written or verbal ever given to the Owners, no mention of any zipline once! Sam Sutton was not present at the meeting nor via phone or video link. This Man has been told repeatedly to keep his vehicles off the land however against 9 of the Owners wishes he still went ahead, we have a family member buried here and he has completely gone right over this gravesite with his vehicles, Buses, Rafts, Cars etc... This proposed Carpark is set to be built on top of this grave, this is wrong, disrespectful, and not to mention TAPU. Mr Sutton claims to be respectful of Tangata Whenua - I highly doubt that!

What outcomes would you like to address with your submission? [give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought]:

The Owners of Okere 1B3C3A were never made aware of anything, of any meetings held, no electronic notification, no written, or verbal communication of any sort, so on behalf of 9 owners we oppose of any Carpark or Zipline

This section lies in between the proposed Carpark and Sam Sutton's existing business.

## G. Your Signature

Mary Shannon Henshilwood

Signature of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

Mary Shannon Henshilwood

Printed name of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

10/09/2019

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Full Name (also list organisational name if submitting on behalf of a business, community group, etc.):

Maggie Crownshaw

Address for Service (Postal Address): [Redacted]

Post Code: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted]

Email Address: [Redacted]

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## F. Submission

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Loss of amenity value for recreational users of the Okere Falls Scenic Reserve – specifically visual and noise impacts.

My submission is [include the reasons for your views]:

I am a Bay of Plenty resident and myself and four generations of my family visit and recreate in and around Lake Rotoiti. We have a holiday home at Otaramarae and are frequent users of the Okere Falls Scenic Reserve. The Reserve is one of only a handful of publicly available walking trails around Lake Rotoiti and the only one near to Otaramarae and the Okere Peninsula.

I strongly object to the proposed application to construct and operate a zip line business in what is a very popular, peaceful and important recreation area for locals and visitors.

The existing reserve provides a wonderful opportunity for short family walks for people of varying age and ability. It provides for a very scenic walking experience and uniquely, the opportunity to view the Kaituna River and those that experience the rapids and waterfalls and historical context contained within.

The proposal includes a number of ziplines. That either follow the river or zig zag across it and the adjacent walking track.

Two of the ziplines (Zipline 1 & 2) traverse over top of, alight or depart from the two main river viewing points. The application makes a claim that the loss of amenity value for reserve users is no more the minor. It is quite hard to fathom how the applicant has arrived at this conclusion, given up to 28 people an hour (every 2 mins) would be zipping over top of viewers/walker's heads. Providing a massive distraction and interruption to the enjoyment currently provided by the reserve, its walking tracks and viewpoints of the river.

The application also claims that the cables are elevated above the walking tracks and set against a back drop of vegetation. What does this look like, and what height are the cables at when loaded with zip line users? A constant stream of riders will have a vastly different visual effect than that described in the artists impression in the application.

The proposed landing platform (Platform 4) appears to be at a similar elevation to the walking track and both the platform and 28 users an hour will heavily intrude into this space, which is one of the main river viewing points.

Further to the above; due the steep terrain, requirement to prevent public access and need to safely restrain zip line users from a significant fall from height it is difficult to comprehend that the *platforms will consist of small, low timber platforms up to 500mm high*. The permanent infrastructure in this area is more likely to be significant, intrusive and not in keeping with what is currently in existence.

The applicant proposes to utilise the existing walking tracks for circa 50,000 visitors per year. How is the congestion that is likely to occur from groups of 14 people every 30 minutes mitigated? The application suggests interpretation of the cultural and ecological aspects of the reserve will be included. Presumably this will be on the walking trails (as it is difficult to comprehend it happening on the zip lines)? Does this involve signage to talk to and what does this look like? When the zip line groups stop and fan out to listen to the interpretation discussion, how do other track users get past?

The application suggests that noise will be mitigated through various means. This appears to be very subjective and technical in nature. Does the applicant have the qualifications to make these kind of statements?

Is there any health and safety risks to walkers from having people hurtling overtop of their heads every two minutes? How have these risks been addressed?

The applicant suggests that the loss of amenity value will be offset by proposed planting on the true right hand side of the river. It is hard to understand how regenerative planting in an area that the public cannot see or have access to offsets the visual and noise effects likely to occur.

Other positive aspects claimed within the application include contribution to pest management in the reserve. Pest management is already well established through Predator Free Okere Falls and is well supported by the community and several commercial operators (one of which is the applicants associated business). Is the applicant actually purporting to do anything more than is currently done?

The public notification of this application appears to be very limited. Can you Department confirm whether signage will be placed at the Reserve during the submission period to elude users to this application?

Finally, the applicant makes several promises to either mitigate the effect of the operation or provide a tangible benefit to the reserve including tree planting, significant financial contributions, pest control, free public transport, full time reserve care taker, using electric vans. If the applicant is successful, presumably these will become conditions of the concession agreement? Does the Department have the resources to monitor the business to ensure these promises are fulfilled? The financial implications of what is promised are significant, particularly for a fledgling business. Is it even economically viable??

What outcomes would you like to address with your submission? [give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought]:

The proposal is not in keeping with the high recreation value provided by the reserve and should be rejected outright.

The application does not serve to increase the recreational benefits provided by the reserve and will detract against those already provided by the walking trails and river users, whether kayakers or commercial rafting operations.

At the very least the zip lines should be away from the river, the walking tracks and especially the main river viewing points.

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**G. Your Signature**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Maggie Crownshaw', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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Signature of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

Maggie Crownshaw

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

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Lease of part of Okere Falls Scenic Reserve to construct and use a seven stage zipline.

**C. Submitter Information-**

Full Name (also list organisational name if submitting on behalf of a business, community group, etc.):

Lucas MacDonald

Address for Service (Postal Address):

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Post Code: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted] Email Address: [Redacted]

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I wish to keep my contact details confidential

**D. Statement of Support/Opposition**

I (circle one) **Oppose** this Application.

**E. Hearing Request**

I (circle one): **Do Not** wish to be heard in support of this submission at a hearing.

## F. Submission

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

Landscape and recreational effects by the zipline crossing the river.

My submission is [include the reasons for your views]:

I oppose this proposal in its current form with the Zipline crossing the Kaituna River, this area is of significant amenity value to whitewater kayakers and is renowned worldwide as an exceptional location for kayaking and my view is that a zipline crossing the river in three locations would significantly reduce the recreational and landscape values of the river.

There is no defined funding for pest management, riparian planting and weed management in the affected areas and no defined targets to manage and pests, weeds or riparian planting in the area.

What outcomes would you like to address with your submission? [give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought]:

I would support this proposal if

1. The ziplines do not cross the Kaituna river at any location, is not visible to recreational users of the river (whitewater kayakers and rafters).
2. Defined funding levels are specified and sufficient for predator free Okere Falls for the entire lease period. The funding should be sufficient to make a considerable impact on pest management in the Okere Scenic Reserve.
3. Defined funding levels are specified for the Okere Scenic Reserve for the entire lease period for weed management. The funding should be sufficient to make a considerable impact on pest management in the Okere Scenic Reserve.

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## G. Your Signature



Signature of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

**Lucas John MacDonald**

Printed name of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

**11/09/2019**

Date

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**Denise Marina Martin**

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## F. Submission

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

**Construction of a new zipline on the Okere Falls Scenic Reserve.**

My submission is [include the reasons for your views]:

**I am in full support of the Zip Line Proposal by Sam Sutton. Okere Falls is already a Tourism Destination. The Tourism industry supplies all of the employment in Okere Falls, without tourism Okere Falls would not have developed and would not have become the destination it is now. The proposed Zip line will encourage more jobs for the local people and continue to develop existing businesses. Sam is a considerate and kind leader, who is genuinely in support of working alongside local Iwi and community to see all parties benefit. Sam has a proven track record as a successful tourism operator and ethic of hard work. Sam has his employees best interest at heart, he is generous and kind natured.**

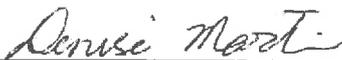
**With increased Employment and development of Okere Reserve the whole area will benefit. Sam has over the years given voluntary service to the neighbourhood, supplying his time for the upgrade of the local land and expecting nothing in return. People were unhappy when the river was first rafted, now this industry draws tens of thousands of visitors to Rotorua each year.**

What outcomes would you like to address with your submission? [give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought]:

**I would like to see the Lease of part of Okere Falls Scenic Reserve to construct and use a seven stage zipline be accepted.**

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## G. Your Signature



Signature of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

**Denise Martin**

Printed name of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

**12/08/19**

Date



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Full Name (also list organisational name if submitting on behalf of a business, community group, etc.):

MARIA JOHANNA HENRIETTA DERKSEN

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**F. Submission**

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

- 7.7 RECREATIONAL VALUES
- 7.11 CHARACTER AND AMENITY.
- 7.12 SOCIAL + ECONOMIC EFFECTS

My submission is [include the reasons for your views]:

In support of: IT WILL INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN THE AREA. IT WILL OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE RAFTING WHEN RIVER LEVELS ARE TOO LOW FOR RAFTING. IT WILL OFFER ANOTHER ACTIVITY IN THE SHOULDER SEASONS FOR ROTORUA. GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE AREA. IT WILL BENEFIT THE STORE AND EXISTING RAFTING BUSINESSES IN OKERE FALLS. MORE PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF THE AREA. THE NEW PLANTINGS WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL BENEFIT AND PROPOSED PEST CONTROL IS SORELY NEEDED.

What outcomes would you like to address with your submission? [give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought]:

WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE PROPOSAL (AS IT IS) GIVEN THE GO AHEAD  
 (15/5/19)

**G. Your Signature**



Signature of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

MARIETTE DERKSEN

Printed name of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

14/09/2019

Date





Department of Conservation  
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THEO VOS

Address for Service (Postal Address):

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**D. Statement of Support/Opposition**

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**F. Submission**

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7.7 EFFECTS ON RECREATIONAL VALUES  
7.11 CHARACTER AND AMENITY  
7.12 SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS

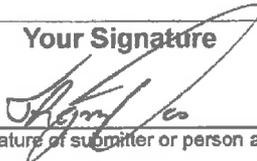
My submission is [include the reasons for your views]:

I AM A REGULAR USER OF THE WALKING TRACKS AND AMENITIES WITHIN THE OKERE FALLS SCENIC RESERVE. I BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY WILL ENHANCE THE RECREATIONAL VALUES I ENJOY WITHIN THE RESERVE. IT ALSO WILL ATTRACT MORE OTHERS TO COME AND ENJOY THE RESERVE AND ITS VALUES. I BELIEVE THAT ITS CHARACTER AND AMENITY WILL BE IMPROVED, BECAUSE OF PEST CONTROL AND THE NEW PLANTINGS ACROSS THE RIVER. THE LINES VISIBILITY FROM EXISTING VIEWING PLATFORMS IS ONLY A MINOR ISSUE. IT WILL BE FUN TO SEE PEOPLE ZIPPING DOWN THESE LINES. ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND LIKELY POSITIVE IMPACTS ON EXISTING BUSINESSES IN OKERE FALLS (RAFTING AND STORES) ARE ALSO VERY WELCOME.

What outcomes would you like to address with your submission? [give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought]:

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE APPLICATION APPROVED IN ITS CURRENT FORM (DATED 15 MAY 2019).

**G. Your Signature**



Signature of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

THEO G.M. VOS

Printed name of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

14/09/2019

Date



**Lynette Trewavas**

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**Subject:** FW: Submission in relation to 71070-OTH (Okere adventures Ltd)

**From:** Pete lodge <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, 14 September 2019 5:38 a.m.  
**To:** Permissions Hamilton <[permissionshamilton@doc.govt.nz](mailto:permissionshamilton@doc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Submission in relation to 71070-OTH (Okere adventures Ltd)

To whom this may concern,

My name is Peter Lodge and I am writing in regards to the above mentioned application for a construction of a zip line in the Okere falls scenic reserve .

I am currently in Spain until the 21st of September and won't be home in time to get the application done there and I have no access to a printer or scanner while on holidays . Hopefully this email will suffice.

I am 36 years old born and bred Rotorua local and currently live in Okere falls and have done so for awhile. I have also worked on the Kaituna river as a raft guide for 18 years continuously and now co own Kaituna Cascades.

In this instance for the zip line proposal in Okere falls scenic reserve - am I fully AGAINST the project for a number of reasons. I am all for boosted tourism projects in the area but I think this project has more cons than pros.....

Without getting into to much details I will give quick summaries on reasons why it shouldn't go ahead.

1- over use of the scenic reserve, the area already has 6-7 rafting companies, 2 river boarding companies, bus tour groups using the scenic falls trail, nature trail tours and of course FIT tourism on the trail. A zip line above and around this small area will have massive adverse effects to the quiet nature of the walking trails and also seemingly "wilderness" feel to the raft trips.

2- the Okere falls predator free project that has been started in the past year or so is doing great and responding well to the trapping and with continued efforts form locals and DOC we should see an awesome return of flora and fauna in the area - again the last thing we need is to ruin nature's habbitat on the ground and more importantly in the birds last free place - the canopy of the tree tops! We don't want to cut any more trees down or have people in and around birds nesting areas.

3- Rotorua already has two existing and unique zip line tours that bigger and better - with one being in a large un used area of old growth forest. There is no need to pack in a money making zip line in a small reserve

4 - increased traffic and limited parking , the Okere falls is already a busy area in the summer months and parking is super limited in the falls car parks due to tourists and company operators , the car parks sometimes reach capacity as it is with vehicles parking in the side of the road .

5- the area has many trees that fall down fairly regularly and doesnt seem like a super safe place to have zip lines in the tree canopy ? There aren't many old growth trees in the reserve and the few there are we should look after .

As a business owner -we stand to make extra money from increased tourism in the area resulting from the proposed zip lines but I don't think it's worth the costs of having three in our tiny reserve!

As a local - I'm all for increased tourism in the Okere falls area but not in the Okere reserve on this scale - we regularly walk the trail and love the serenity and sound of the birds (which is increasing due to the trapping !)

Let's keep it a scenic reserve and not an adventure playground !

I happy for any of this info to be released and also happy to be contacted at any time on personal cell - [REDACTED]  
Or to this email .

Thanks for your time and let me now if this email is all ok for submission.

Cheers - Pete lodge

Local resident



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Please note that submissions are public documents. Your name and submission will be included in documents that are available to the media and the public. You may request that your contact details be kept confidential, but your name, organisation and your submission itself will become a public document.

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The Department is likely to post your submission on its website at [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz). Once submitted, submitters' information is subject to the Official Information Act 1982 and may be released under that Act.

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Full Name (also list organisational name if submitting on behalf of a business, community group, etc.):

James Garrod

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## F. Submission

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

Environmental impact, community impact, river user experience

My submission is [include the reasons for your views]:

I believe that Okere Adventures proposal to construct a ZipLine that traverses the valley over the upper Kaituna River will have many positive effects on not only the community but also the environment that it will occupy. For many years the Okere Falls Scenic Reserve and upper gorges of the Kaituna River have been neglected and infested with rodents, farmland with minimal riparian margins, and noisy rafters.

I think that Okere Adventures has a very good environmental action plan to help with the local ecosystems and will have little negative impact for walkers and river users as it is designed to be quiet and the river noise is enough to drown out any noise from above the gorge in the area that has been proposed.

The impacts for the community look to be extremely positive. With no good public transport service to town, this is very appealing having a regular service to cut down on driving personal vehicles.

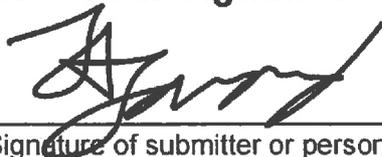
I also think that this is a very low impact way for visitors to share in our beautiful slice of paradise and in time will help restore the ecosystems that were once healthy back to a healthy state.

What outcomes would you like to address with your submission? [give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought]:

I hope that the project goes ahead in full and that the environmental management plan is followed.

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## G. Your Signature



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Signature of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

James A. Garrod

Printed name of submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter

16/09/19

Date