

**COMMENT SUBMISSION FORM**  
Publicly notified application for leases,  
licences, permits, or easements.

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

Two concession applications 74167-SKI and 79836-OTH in the name of NZSki Limited.

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

Two applications to formalise existing activities and add new activities at the Coronet Peak Ski Area within the Coronet Peak Recreation Reserve, Queenstown.

Application A (74167-SKI):

This proposal involves existing activities within the Coronet Peak Ski Area with the inclusion of a new snow factory facility, installation of gondola cabins and summer activities for a 40 year period lease, licence and easement comprising:

1. The management and control of all activities related to the ownership, operation, repair and maintenance of the commercial skifield;
2. To install a snow factory facility within the lower slopes of the ski area;
3. To operate eight-seater gondola cabins on the Coronet Express chairlift. *This part of the proposal will also be considered as a short-term concession application as outlined in application B below;*
4. To operate and manage summer activities (use of existing tracks for guided walks, sightseeing, nature interpretation, photography, picnicking and artificial snow-based activities).

Application B (79836-OTH):

This proposal is for a short-term concession (permit) to install eight-seater gondola cabins on the Coronet Express telemix chairlift to support summer operations over the period 1 December 2019 to 31 March 2020 (4 months). *This proposal will also be considered as part of the long-term concession application as outlined in application A, item 3 above.*

**C. Submitter Information-**

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

**Inga Jane Smith**

Address for Service (Postal Address):

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Post Code:

[Redacted]

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**Note:** Communication from DOC will be via e-mail unless alternate contact is requested below.

I wish to be contacted alternately by: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to keep my contact details confidential

**D. Statement of Support/Opposition**

For this Application I/We (please tick one).

Support       Neutral       Oppose

**E. Hearing Request**

I /We wish to be heard in support of this submission at a hearing (please tick one).

Yes       No

**F. Submission**

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

- 40 year period lease, licence and easement;
- install a snow factory facility within the lower slopes of the ski area;
- operate and manage summer activities (use of existing tracks for guided walks, sightseeing, nature interpretation, photography, picnicking and artificial snow-based activities).

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

I worked at Coronet Peak in summer operations 1992/1993 and 1993/1994, when sightseeing on the chairlifts and the "Cresta Run" slide operated, along with food and beverage operations during daylight hours for around 6 weeks December through to January. During that period, Andy Chapman was the mountain manager, and consistently reminded us that Coronet Peak was a recreation reserve and that conservation values were paramount (no mountain biking was permitted, for example), and that public access to the basement toilet facilities was a requirement of DOC's permission to operate. I also worked at Coronet Peak in the winters of 1995, 1996, and 2002, when more development at the ski area had occurred, but the commitment to public access and conservation values remained.

Although the application acknowledges public access and conservation values, I am concerned at the long nature (40 years) of the lease, licence and easement application, without periodic review.

I am also concerned about the "Snowfactory" (which seems to be the name the manufacturer Techno Alpin gives to this equipment), particularly the plan to operate this during the summer. Given the high alpine nature of Coronet Peak, with a lack of natural water on the mountain (water is diverted from streams and/or pumped to reservoirs), in a warming climate this seems a strange plan. Although the report from e3 Scientific lists some implications for the local flora and fauna of pumping snow onto the ground regularly in the summer, that report states that "In the summer the snow would be deposited on the magic carpet learners slope", whereas the application states that "The snow made from the Snow Factory is proposed to assist in coverage of the areas over and around the magic carpets, the lower slopes of the M1 and cover the Big Easy trail"; the latter reference might be a winter-only reference (it is not clear), but it is a bigger area than just the magic carpet 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]:

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- 40 year lease, licence and easement reduced to 20 years, with 10 year periodic reviews.
- An independent environmental assessment for the Snowfactory be carried out by DOC or one of its contractors, particularly with respect to the proposed summer operations of this equipment.

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## G. Your Signature

I.Smith (signed electronically)

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

Inga Jane Smith

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

30 August 2019

Date

Please complete this form and send to [DNSubmissions@doc.govt.nz](mailto:DNSubmissions@doc.govt.nz). You may also mail your submission to: Director-General, c/o Department of Conservation, PO Box 5244, Moray Place, Dunedin 9054 or Level 1, John Wickliffe House, 265 Princes Street, Dunedin 9016.