Department of Conservation
*Te Papa Atawhai*

Ref: 74167-SKI

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NZSki Limited

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Dear Paul

**CONCESSION APPLICATION: 74167-SKI: REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: CORONET PEAK SKI FIELD**

The Department is currently assessing your Part 3B concession application for NZSki Limited's existing and proposed activities at Coronet Peak ski field within Coronet Peak Recreation Reserve.

It has been determined that additional information is necessary pursuant to Section 17SD of the Conservation Act 1987, to enable a decision to be made.

The information you need to supply is detailed below.

1. **Landscape Assessment**

   The Patch landscape assessment dated October 2018 is for already approved infrastructure - Coronet Peak express chairlift replacement. The assessment does not sufficiently cover the proposed new activities at the Coronet Peak ski field. This assessment needs to be redone to:

   (a) describe in more detail the landscape effects (not just visual but include natural character) of gondolas on the replacement express chairlift, not the chairlift itself. The recently approved replacement express chairlift should be put in the preamble context in the landscape report for the gondola;

   (b) for consideration of the effects of the gondola cabins operating on the chairlift, require a visual simulation of the gondola cabins from both on and off conservation lands and waters;

   (c) include an assessment of landscape effects (visual and natural character) of proposed summer snow operation. No assessment of this activity was provided in application;

   (d) include landscape effect of night-skiing and visual and natural character of proposal to increase this to 7 days per week.

## 2. Infrastructure, Activities and Operations

(a) Section 1. Summary of Lease

The current map is inaccurate and misleading and several of the images in this section of the application are to a scale that will be difficult for a member of the public (with limited knowledge of the ski area) to view and interpret. The following is required:

a detailed site plan showing:

(i) an outline of the lease and licence area being sought;

(ii) location of all elements involved in your application including all existing structures/facilities and proposed (new) structures/facilities, such as the location of base facility, chair lift stations/towers/trails, snow making infrastructure and proposed activities e.g. Snowfarm infrastructure and snow deposition area, trails for proposed guiding activity.

Note: attached is an example of the plan received for the recent Sugar Basin chairlift development at the Remarkables (see Appendix 1). You may wish to adopt the layout of this site plan or use an aerial photo overlay (or equivalent representation). For ease of interpretation this may be in the format of a master site plan and subsidiary plans labelled 2 of 4, 3 of 4, 4 of 4.

(b) Section 2. Asset catalogue and map

(i) the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and storage pond 400m below JSD's lodge is not shown on the asset catalogue and map;

(ii) describe what items PS100 & RS1B, PS300 etc are in asset catalogue table;

(iii) a larger, clearer, asset catalogue map is required;

(iv) a column on the asset catalogue identifying the type of activity approval is being sought for e.g. lease / licence / easement. The inclusion of proposed new assets will provide a better overview of assets. See Appendix 2 for Mount Hutt ski field example.

This information is required, firstly to enable the Department to start assessing the application in more detail and secondly, will be required to better inform the public during public notification. The details will enable the Department to understand the full scope of existing and proposed activities at Coronet Peak ski field within the Coronet Peak Recreation Reserve.

All requested information must be provided by 17 June 2019, or sooner if practicable.

Please provide the requested information to Kelvin Brown, Permissions Advisor, at email kibrown@doc.govt.nz.

If you require additional time to provide this information, please contact Kelvin Brown, Permissions Advisor immediately.

If you require any clarification on the information requested in items 1-5 above then, in the first instance, contact Lisa Nilsen, Ranger Community at email lnilsen@doc.govt.nz or phone 027 276 9322.

Please contact Kelvin Brown at email kibrown@doc.govt.nz or phone 027 559 3523, if you have any questions about the on-going concession application process.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Permissions/SLM Manager

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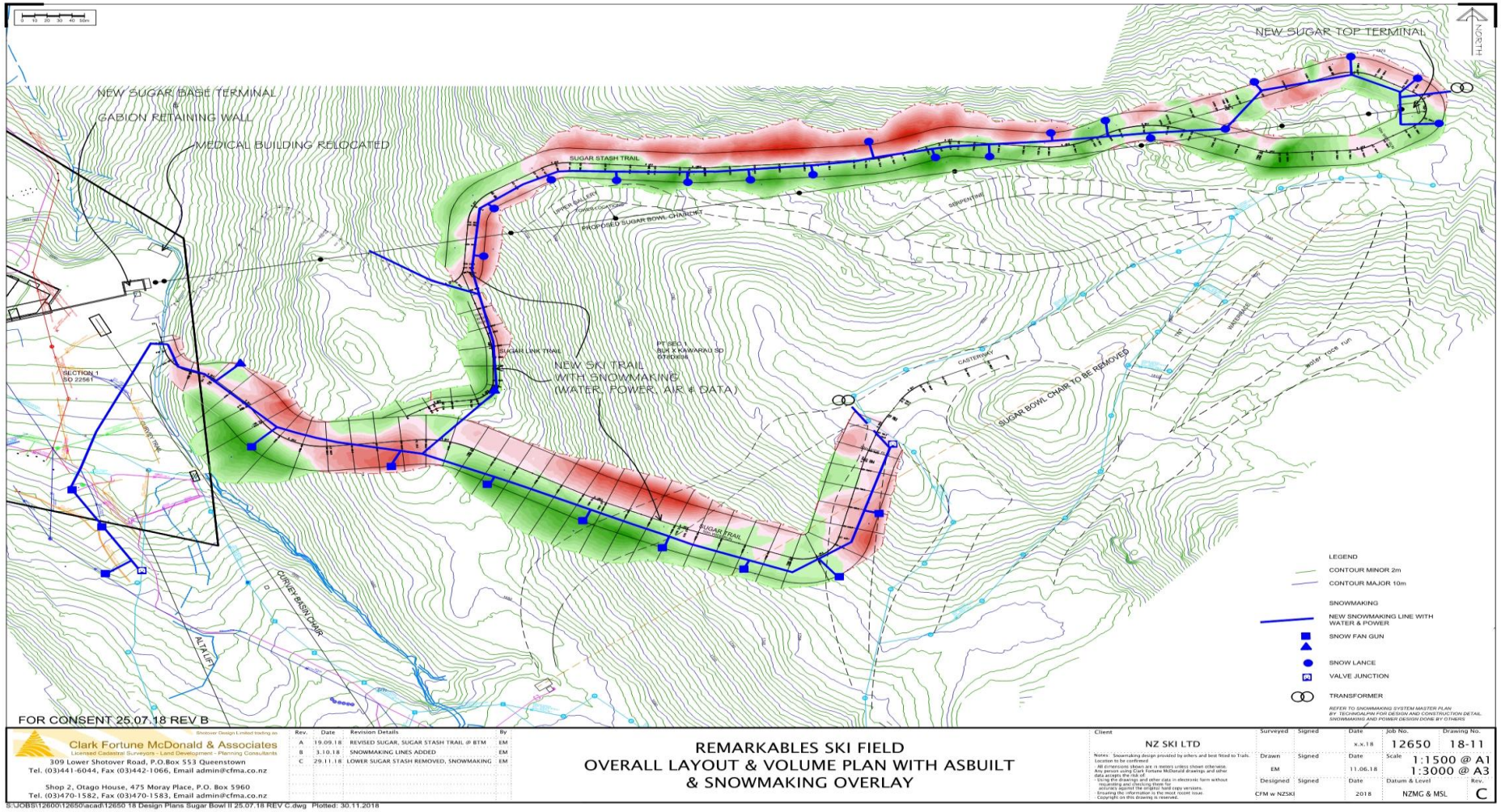
**Appendix 1:** Remarkables Plan – Sugar Basin chairlift development



**Appendix 2:** Schedule 4 from Mount Hutt ski field concession

| Description | Label | Activity | Access |
|---|---|---|---|
| Summit Six Return Station and Control Hut | A | Lease | 🛠 |
| Patrol Dispatch Hut | B | Lease | 🚑 |
| Weather System and Repeater Equipment Hut | C | Lease | 🛠 |
| Philip Wareing Limited | CC | | 🚫 |
| Triple Drive Station and Control Hut | D | Lease | 🛠 |
| Quad Return Station and Control Hut | E | Lease | 🛠 |
| Snowmaking Reservoir | F | Easement | ❄ |
| Well Building | G | Lease | ❄ |
| Snowmaking Bore | GG | Easement | ❄ |
| 11kV Underground Power Cable Service Road | H | Easement | 👥 |
| Snowmaking Pump Station Building | I | Lease | ❄ |
| Patrol / Race Staff Building | J | Lease | 🚑 |
| Quad Drive Station and Control/Storage Huts | K | Lease | 🛠 |
| Base Lodge Building | L | Lease | 👥 |
| Ski School/Creche Building | M | Lease | |
| Summit Drive Station and Control/Storage Huts | N | Lease | 🛠 |
| Sewerage Treatment Building (SBR) | O | Lease | 🛠 |
| Compactor Screen Hut | OO | Lease | 🛠 |
| Mount Hutt Helicopters 2013 Limited's Building | P | | 🚫 |
| Mount Hutt Ski Club Building | Q | | 🚫 |
| Conveyor Lift Enclosure | R | Lease | 👥 |
| Sunkid Conveyor Lifts (2) | RR | Easement | 👥 |
| Bungy Hut | S | Lease | 👥 |
| Bungy Platform | T | Lease | 👥 |
| Triple Mid-station Control Hut | U | Lease | 🛠 |
| Avalauncher Container | V | Lease | 🚑 |
| Triple Return Station and Control Hut | W | Lease | 🛠 |
| Lower Snowmaking Pump Station | X | Lease | ❄ |
| Submersible Pump Station Hut | Y | Lease | ❄ |
| Snowmaking Stream Dam | Z | Easement | ❄ |
| 70,000 litre underground diesel tank | i | Lease | 🛠 |
| 1,100 litre above ground unleaded petrol tank | ii | Lease | 🛠 |
| LPG storage cupboard | iii | Lease | 🛠 |
| Explosives magazine | iv | Lease | 🚑 |
| Detonator magazine | v | Lease | 🚑 |
| General ski area (skiable terrain) as defined by red outline on map | | Licence | 👥 |

Table 1: Label and figure index of permanent assets at Mt Hutt Ski Area. Key to personnel access is as follows: 🚑 Patrol, 🛠 Maintenance, ❄ Snowmaking/Maintenance, 👥 General Staff/Public, 🚫 Private operators