



The Department recommends that you contact the Department of Conservation Office closest to where the activity is proposed to discuss the application prior to completing the application forms. Please provide all information requested in as much detail as possible. Applicants will be advised if further information is required before this application can be processed by the Department.

This form is to be used when the proposed activity is the building or use of any private or commercial facility or structure on public conservation land managed by the Department of Conservation. Examples may include lease of land to erect an information centre; authorisation to erect a weather station; or construct or lease a private/commercial campground or lodge. This form is to be completed in conjunction with either Applicant Information Form 1a (longer term concession) or Applicant Information Form 1b (one-off concession) as appropriate.

Please complete this application form, attach Form 1a or Form 1b, and any other applicable forms and information and send to [permissions@doc.govt.nz](mailto:permissions@doc.govt.nz). The Department will process the application and issue a concession if it is satisfied that the application meets all the requirements for granting a concession under the Conservation Act 1987.

If you require extra space for answering please attach and label according to the relevant section.

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## A. Description of Activity

Please describe the proposed activity in detail – where the site is located, please use NZTM GPS coordinates where possible, what you intend to use the building for, whether you intend to make any changes to the infrastructure.

Please include the name and status of the public conservation land, the size of the area for which you are applying and why this area has been chosen.

If necessary, attach further information including a map, a detailed site plan and drawings of proposal and label Attachment 3b:A.

The exclusive use of the Land for the purposes of a camp for educational users, forestry workers and casual visitors, including buildings and structures owned by the Grantor.

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## B. Alternative sites considered

If your application is to **build, extend or add** to any permanent or temporary structures or facilities on public conservation land, please provide the following details:

- Could this structure or facility be reasonably located outside public conservation land? Provide details of other sites/areas considered.
- Could any potential adverse effects be significantly less (and/or different) in another conservation area or another part of the conservation area to which the application relates? Give details/reasons

No

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## C. Larger area

Is the size of the area you are applying for **larger** than the structure/facility

**No**

If **yes**, please detail the size difference in the box below, and answer the following 3 questions, if **no** please go on to the next section:

As per previous concession, the total area of the camp/facility is 2.3 hectares; the building/structures are within this area.

Is this necessary for safety or security purposes?

**NO/YES**

Is this necessary as an integral part of the activity?

**NO/YES**

Is this essential to carrying on the activity?

**NO/YES**

If the answer to any of the above is yes, please provide details and attach supporting evidence if necessary and label Attachment 3b:C.

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## D. Exclusive possession

Do you believe you need **exclusive possession** of the public conservation land on which your structure/building is located, ie no one else can use the land during your use of it?

**YES**

*(Exclusive occupation requires a lease which requires public notification of the application)*

If **yes**, please answer the following 3 questions, if no please go to the next section:

Is exclusive possession necessary to protect public safety?

**YES**

Is exclusive possession necessary to protect physical security of the activity?

**YES**

Is exclusive possession necessary for the competent operation of the activity?

**YES**

If the answer to any of the above is yes, please provide details and attach supporting evidence if necessary and label Attachment 3b:D.

The facility on conservation land is used for educational camps, and also provides paid accommodation for other users.

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## E. Technical Specifications (for telecommunications sites only) N/A

Frequencies on which the equipment is to operate

Power to be used (transmitter output)

Polarisation of the signal

Type of antennae

The likely portion of a 24 hour period that transmitting will occur

Heaviest period of use

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## F. Term

Please detail the length of the term sought (i.e. number of years or months) and why.

*Note: An application for a concession for a period over 10 years must be publicly notified, an application for a concession up to 10 years will not be publicly notified unless the adverse effects of the activity are such that it is required, or if an exclusive interest in the land is required.*

A minimum of 10 years to ensure continuity of strategic planning, ongoing development, marketing and employment whilst giving surety to our philanthropic funding partners; we would certainly entertain a period of greater than 10 years, if this was possible.

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## G. Bulk fuel storage

Under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (HSNO Act) 'Bulk fuel storage' is considered to be any single container, stationary or mobile, used or unused, that has a capacity in excess of 250 litres of Class 3 fuel types. This includes petrol, diesel, aviation gasoline, kerosene and Jet A1. For more information on Hazardous Substances, go to:

<http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/information-guidance/legal-framework/hsno-act-1996>

Do you intend to store fuel in bulk on the land as part of the activity?

**NO**

If you have answered yes, then please provide full details of how and where you intend to store the fuel, and label any attachments including plans, maps and/or photographs as Attachment 3b:G. If your concession application is approved you will be required to provide a copy of your HSNO compliance certification to the Department before you begin the activity.

## H. Environmental Impact Assessment

This section is one of the most important factors that will determine the Department's decision on the application. Please answer in detail.

In column 1 please list all the locations of your proposal, please use NZTM GPS coordinates where possible. In column 2 list any special features of the environment or the recreation values of that area. Then in column 3 list any effects (positive or adverse) that your activity may have on the values or features in column 2. In column 4 list the ways you intend to mitigate, remedy or avoid any adverse effects noted in column 3. Please add extra information or supporting evidence as necessary and label Attachment 3b:H.

Refer to Steps 1 and 2 in your Guide to Environmental Impact Assessment to help you fill in this section.

Location on public conservation land	Special feature or value	Potential effects of your activity on the feature or value (positive or adverse)	Methods to remedy, mitigate or avoid any adverse effects identified
<i>Te Wera Valley Lodge</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Enabling school groups with the opportunity to experience an authentic Eastern Taranaki experience.</i>	<i>The site is continually upgraded as funds allow, improving the physical nature as regards to health &amp; safety, thus improving the users' experiences.</i>
<i>Te Wera Valley Lodge</i>	<i>Management of noted Dawn Redwoods (Metasequoia)</i>	<i>Protected under the Stratford District Council's District Plan as trees of significance</i>	<i>The Trust undertakes a number of management functions in accordance with the existing Concession. One of these involves caring for these recognised trees of significance in a manner that ensures that Te Wera Camp Conservation Area's natural and historic resources are protected. One Dawn Redwood was identified by arborists as a danger to Health &amp; Safety, and accordingly had to be removed. It is the intention of the Trust that this tree be replaced with like-with-like.</i>

<i>Te Wera Valley Lodge</i>	<i>Pest/predator control</i>	<i>Reducing &amp; removing potential impact on native flora &amp; fauna</i>	<i>Both the 'Friends of Te Wera' and the Trustees continue to undertake work to manage/control/remove:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wasps</li> <li>- Possums</li> <li>- Feral cats</li> <li>- Goats</li> </ul>
<i>Te Wera Valley Lodge</i>	<i>Use &amp; enjoyment of the camp</i>	<i>Wastewater system flow capacity.</i>	<i>Red Jacket Engineer's Report outlines options that could be undertaken. We have installed water-reducing fixtures across all ablution blocks at a cost of \$3000 to reduce the likelihood of overspill into adjoining waterways.</i>
<i>Te Wera Valley Lodge</i>	<i>Future operation of the camp</i>	<i>Te Wera Outdoor Recreational Trust Strategic Thinking 2021-2023 Doc 3a</i>	<i>Identification of key areas that the Trust is seeking improvements on.</i>
<i>Te Wera Valley Lodge</i>	<i>Wetlands</i>	<i>The fenced-off area of the wetlands has never been a part of the Trust's management profile in the previous 39 years.</i>	<i>The current trust invited DOC in May 2021 to provide guidance and advice going forward as regards management and resourcing. It would be fair to say that the Te Wera Wetlands have historically not been a planning focus, and advice, guidance and resource will be needed to restore and manage the wetlands in the future.</i>


## I. Other

Is there any further information you wish to supply in support of your application? Please attach if necessary and label Attachment 3a:l.

The camp has been in operation for 39 years providing a basic camping style in a rural environment to benefit the youth & their families in Taranaki, particularly in the educational and recreational sector. This has been our main objective & motivation throughout our history. We provide a unique opportunity for school groups, community groups, clubs, and families to experience the beauty, serenity & peacefulness in the back county of Eastern Taranaki. We have added significant value to the camp site with the improvements of buildings and facilities, and the replacement of the fire-damaged kitchen/cookhouse.

We provide an environment for many schools (primary & secondary) throughout Taranaki & beyond allowing the youth to grow and develop as individuals, and bond with their team members as they learn new skills. We have also met the needs of international travellers, campers, walking groups etc. We have added to the economy during non-peak time by providing accommodation to Forestry Workers to carry out the tasks required on the local forests.

All of the Trust members carry out their responsibilities on a voluntary basis and do so willingly, (i.e. additional to the employment of the Manager), the volunteer work (repairs, painting, cleaning, trapping, tree trimming, including Office Holders responsibilities for example), amounts to collectively, approximately 1000 hours over a year. There is a national agreement between Dulux & Department of Conservation which we have been able to access to ensure the repainting of the buildings over the last 4 years.

The relationship with the Stratford District Council has been consolidated. This has enabled a local rural councillor, Amanda Harris to take up her position as a trustee.

The Toko Lions also accepted the invitation from the Trust to nominate a representative to the trust; this position

is currently filled by Murray Wells. The Toko Lions have also provided voluntary workers to assist with ongoing camp maintenance.

The Trust has met with Anaru Marshall (Chief Negotiator) & Sam Tamarapa (Ngati Maru) and through them has ongoing contact with the Iwi who have been extremely busy with their recently resolved Treaty Claim & subsequent settlement. During the time of the Treaty claims, contact has been interrupted, but Iwi Liaison Officer attached to the Taranaki Regional Council Sam Tamarapa has been very supportive of the Trust. This communication is ongoing and current.

The Taranaki Electricity Trust is a significant philanthropic supporter of the camp. Its financial assistance allows the camp to be a viable asset, and allows us to carry out any improvements needed, as funds allow. The application to TET for funding has historically been submitted by mid-February in each year, therefore we would appreciate your priority for timeliness, so we can continue to employ our full-time on-site Manager.

We would appreciate your consideration for a full Fee Waiver of the Processing, Activity & Monitoring Fees associated with this application. However, it is noted by the Trust that fees associated with the action of Publicly Notifying this application will still apply, and the Trust is fully accepting of paying this fee as part of the application process.