



A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 225

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Darian Moore
Organisation	Darian Moore
Date	08/02/2024

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:

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I fully support Pure Turoa Ltd's submission in it's entirety.
I believe it is the only way to continue the operation of Turoa Ski Field with the best interest of locals and the public in mind.

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.

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Hayley van Hees

Organisation

Date

08/02/2024

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F. Objection or submission

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

Submission for Pure turoa taking over

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Ohakune is a beautiful town. The town almost solely relies on the income that it makes during winter time. Being one of the only snowy mountains in the north island it is a great place to go to.
I grew up in Ohakune and skiing and snowboarding was part of our education and our happy time.
Pure turoa will do the town and maunga proud and help provide the grown community with the economy that Ohakune so truly needs.

The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:

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Sec 9(2)(a)

Organisation

Date

8/2/24

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F. Objection or submission

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

Plans to remove chairlifts and install a gondola whilst operating within a 10 year concession

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I have concerns over Pure Turoas experience of running a ski field but also future plans. To be able to do what they have said they would do but within a 10 year concession doesn't make sense. Who in their right mind could commit to this. I feel like they are not being completely honest (or have no clue) Their plans to remove chairlifts makes no sense and will only restrict skiing when there isn't much snow and limit the range of runs available for all levels skiers and snowboarder- so therefore they plan to spend money to lose it? Is that why they are happy with the 10 year concession? There has to be something more to it. I worry that if they do get the concession and the deal goes through we will start to see what their real motive is.

I would like my submission to remain confidential

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.

The outcome is that they do not get the concession.

I would like my submission details to remain confidential

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SUB 228

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Pete Deeming
Organisation	Personal
Date	8/2/24

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F. Objection or submission

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

1. The duration of the concession is only 10 years.
2. The Tongariro National Park (TNP) treaty claim(s) have not been negotiated or settled.
3. Not enough information to know if Pure Tūroa Limited (PTL) will be financially sound.
4. The decreased access to the mountain if the concession is awarded.
5. The concession excludes wider alpine snow sports assets on Mt Ruapehu, specifically Whakapapa.
6. Compressed negotiation and consultation period.
7. Redaction of important information, including parties involved and consulted.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

1. There currently remains an existing concession on the site of 60 years.

The short length of the concession sought indicates a clear lack of a long-term commitment to the operation, to the wider area and opens the door for asset stripping and an imbalance between commercial priorities and public interest. Environmentally, the longer the commitment to a place, the more invested a party is in the sustainability of a place. The PTL concession falls short on this front.

2. Tongariro National Park (TNP) treaty claim(s) may lead to immediate litigation costs.

The well publicised interests of other parties (including those under a Treaty claim) in the existing concession and RAL assets mean that should this PTL concession be awarded at this time, there is high risk of conflict and subsequent litigation which will bleed resources which could otherwise be used to enable and ensure equitable access to the assets and the ski field.

3. It is difficult to tell if the business will be financially viable.

Appendix 7 cash flow model makes it difficult to tell if the business makes commercial sense.

Information provided excludes information on what DoC and MBIE will need to pay to remove infrastructure from the mountain if the business fails.

4. Increased costs and decreased mountain capacity will make Tūroa less accessible to New Zealanders.

The reduction in capacity with the removal of the Nga Wai Heke chair, Giant Chair, and the Wintergarden Platter and less operational days, longer inactive vs active time on the mountain and lowered accessibility to the Maunga during the operating season. The lower capacity of 4500 would see increased demand, leading to price increases which will take the cost of utilising this natural resource beyond the reach of most New Zealanders.

5. Competing business interests with Whakapapa and lack of complementary business operation.

A lack of synergy between the other snow sports assets on Mt Ruapehu lowers the chance of mitigating partial operational closure across the Maunga – further reducing access for those who have travelled some distance to stay and experience the thrill and majesty of Mt Ruapehu.

6. Past concessions negotiations took around four years.

The short period of time between the consultation period and opening of the 2024 season means that there cannot be full consideration of important aspects.

7. Key information has not been provided.

The extensive redaction of names (e.g. Directors of PTL), this information is a matter of public record and should not be redacted.

Iwi engagement has been completely redacted.

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.

Any concession needs to be for a longer period of time (minimum 30 years).
Any concession needs to show partnership and/or endorsement from mana whenua. Cease ignoring iwi and retract from seeking new concessions, as they have said they will not approve new concessions until Treaty claims are settled on the Maunga.
Keeping the existing RAL concession in place provides a safe working relationship while the TNP treaty claims are being negotiated between the Government and various iwi interests over coming years.
Any concession should be for the whole mountain, being Whakapapa and Tūroa.
Any concession needs to show active consideration of ongoing accessibility (including socio-economic) to the Operation within this National Park. Especially as a non-profit operator is seen as being more compatible with public access to a National Park environment.

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A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 229

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Quinn Hawkins
Organisation	
Date	8/2/2024

D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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- I **Oppose** this Application (I am making an objection).

E. Hearing Request

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F. Objection or submission

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

- Complete lack of disclosure of important information, not able to know whether the applicants are viable caretakers of the concession.
- Proposed reduction in lifts.
- Short term of the concession applied for.
- Privatisation of intended concession use prior to national park treaty claim(s).

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

- Huge lack of public trust in process leading to this application.
- Rejection of any iwi input.
- 10 year term us simply disastrous for the future of this application as not commercially possible

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.

Object to issuing new concessions altogether. Retention of the existing concessions to RAL (or RAL administration). This would require the crown to engage in good faith with iwi and the wider community to run the ski areas to best industry practice, to allow the time and safe working relationship for TNP claims to be settled. And proper planning for future running of the TNP ski fields and local industry.

The Government should not be supporting benefiting a few select individuals and reducing recreations ski area for the people of NZ, whilst negatively effecting local iwi.

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A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 230**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Steven Huish
Organisation	
Date	3/2/24

D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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- I am **Neutral** on this Application (I am making a submission).
- I **Oppose** this Application (I am making an objection).

E. Hearing Request

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F. Objection or submission

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

All parts, I support the granting of concessions to Pure Turoa Ltd.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I learnt to ski on Mt Ruapehu as a child and have spent much of my life enjoying both Whakapapa and Turoa. I also worked for Ruapehu Alpine Lifts for a few years, so have an understanding of how the business operates, and what it takes to succeed on the maunga. I lived in Ohakune and keep close ties with people there. I am also aware of the special factors that need to be considered such as the sacred nature of the maunga and surrounding area, and that it's a significant national park.

With all that taken into consideration, I do not trust the existing RAL executive group or board to take the ski areas in the right direction; both culturally and financially. Quite the opposite can be said about the Pure Turoa team; they are long time locals, passionate about Turoa and the surrounding area, they know what it takes to operate an effective ski area and being locals can engage with the community and Iwi with care and understanding.

Pure Turoa show real intention to develop the ski area into something that is sustainable; both business wise and environmentally. This can be seen in their long term planning that will replace old lifts critical needed to operate the ski area (such as Movenpick and Park Lane), while also aiming to reduce the footprint of the ski are with removal of the Nga Wai Heke chair lift and other dated infrastructure.

Some may argue that a season pass will not be worth it with access to only one ski area, this is not correct; the vast majority of skiing patrons will only ever ski one side or the other. I myself ride Turoa almost exclusively, and most committed visitors are no different, be it one side or the other.

The Ski areas are special to so many people, and a return to local ownership that cares about the area and the communities will only see all stakeholders prosper. This is of particular importance to the Turoa ski area that saw a large group of long term staff beginning to leave due to RAL's management of the field (2017-2019, pre Covid). Allowing Pure Turoa to operate the area will bring some of that experience back, in turn helping the business run more effectively. Mt Ruapehu is such a unique maunga in many regards, running ski fields on it is complex and challenging, so having the right people with plenty of experience is something critical to success in regards to running the business and in regards to caring for the environment in the best way possible.

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I submit that the Department of Conservation:

1. **Grant the concessions** sought by Pure Turoa Ltd to operate Turoa Ski Area
2. Consider how the term of the concession can be extended to provide sufficient time for payback of the capital investment required to remove and replace some of the lifts as shown in the indicative development plan, while also respecting and providing for collaboration with Ngāti Rangī and any other relevant iwi so that the outcomes of their treaty settlement can be recognised and provided for by the applicant and DOC when the time comes.

- Note that climate change will potentially render commercial ski areas on Mt Ruapehu economically unviable at some point during this century if the 2,300m elevation remains the upper limit for development, so allowing lift development in the 1,900m – 2,300m zone within the current ski area boundary may be desirable to ensure that popular and rewarding lift-serviced alpine snow sports can continue on the maunga for as long as possible.

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A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

SUB 231
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B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Leonard Cousins Eunju Han Fawnya Cousins Denis Cousins 4 x submissions
Organisation	
Date	8 February 2024

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Use of the National Park for skiing is significant in raising awareness of the value of natural and cultural (Maori) taonga in the park.

Use of the National Park for skiing is significant in raising funding to maintain natural and cultural (Maori) taonga in the park.

Use of the National Park for skiing has significant value for the health a well-being of the community.

Pure Turoa provides a proxy to continue the intention indicated as use by RAL for skiing activities in the park.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

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OBJECTION OR SUBMISSION



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

New Zealand Government

A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 232**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Sophie pearson
Organisation	
Date	08/02/2024

D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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- I am **Neutral** on this Application (I am making a submission).
- I **Oppose** this Application (I am making an objection).

E. Hearing Request

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F. Objection or submission

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My reasons for my objection or submission are:

because our town and community need this.

The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:

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A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 233

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Matt Britton
Organisation	
Date	9.2.24

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F. Objection or submission

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

Section 6 Environmental

I support Pure Turoas submission to operate the ski field on the southern side of Mt Ruapehu

I Believe they have the right people on their team who understand what it takes to run a successful business that will look after the environment now and into the future. The plan to reduce the infrastructure footprint on the mountain will be of benefit to the mountain environment, while maintaining skier capacity.

Having a business model that prioritises environmental sustainability will be a first for Mt Ruapehu and will ensure the area will be maintained in its natural state for generations.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

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OBJECTION OR SUBMISSION



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

New Zealand Government

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Scott McIay .
Organisation	
Date	08/02/2024.

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My reasons for my objection or submission are:

For our future.

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Leah Stuckey
Organisation	The Cyprus Trer Ohakune Ltd
Date	08/02/2024

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F. Objection or submission

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Support the submission by Pure Turoa.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Without a ski season our district will face serious economic downfall.

Pure Turoa has sound understanding of the ski field and our community. Sec 9(2)(a) I believe his experience, knowledge, relationships in the local community and contacts in the ski industry, will be an asset to Pure Turoa.

It's fantastic that they will be creating summer tourism to ensure business viability.,
Free passes to local rangatahi ensures of local kids can enjoy a sport that for some wouldn't be available, and I believe also invests in future customers who may purchase season passes as adults.
Plans to reduce the footprint on the maunga ensures as little impact as possible is done to our beautiful taonga and can be enjoyed for future generations.
Crown shareholding of 25% increases the chance of long-term sustainability.

We believe Pure Turoa is the only option for the ski field to continue operating and therefore offer financial security to our team of local staff members and ourselves. The ski field is an asset to our district and our rangatahi deserve to have the opportunity to enjoy it.

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.

N/A

G. Attachments

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A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 236

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter

*Charlotte Anna Mackereth
James Embry Mackereth.*

Organisation

Local Hotel owner for six years in Ohakere

Date

6-2-2024.

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:

All parts. I **support** the granting of concessions to Pure Turoa Ltd.

My reasons for my submission are:

I **support** the granting of concessions to Pure Turoa Ltd because:

- We have strong personal and family connections to the mountains of Tongariro National Park going back to 1986, and we enjoy skiing/snowboarding, tramping and mountaineering as forms of recreation together with our family and many of our friends. We are regular and respectful visitors to TNP and being there is one of our favourite things to do.
- As noted on p35 of the Tongariro National Park Management Plan (2006) Mt Ruapehu is 'nationally important' for skiing as it is the only place in the North Island where lift-serviced alpine snowsports can be provided (notwithstanding a small club field at Taranaki). Given the failure of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts, it is important to ensure that another entity takes over immediately. Snow sports account for about half of all TNP visitors according to the TNPMP.
- The proposal is within the amenity area of Turoa Ski Area identified in the TNPMP and is generally consistent with the TNPMP's objectives.
- Granting the concession would **foster recreation** and therefore be consistent with section 6(e) of the Conservation Act, which states:
"to the extent that the use of any natural or historic resource for recreation or tourism is not inconsistent with its conservation, to foster the use of natural and historic resources for recreation, and to allow their use for tourism."
- While there are reasons to consider delaying the granting of concessions until after Te Tiriti o Waitangi claims have been settled, I believe that the applicant's growing relationship with Ngāti Rangī and others, combined with the relatively short term sought (compared with the current RAL concession's 60 years) and the proposal to eventually remove and replace the Ngā Wai Heke, Park Lane, Wintergarden and Giant lifts with one gondola or high capacity chair with a mid-station, plus the fact that the infrastructure will be damaged by ice if not operated each winter, mean granting the concession now and then working with iwi collaboratively is the best approach.

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.

I submit that the Department of Conservation:

1. **Grant the concessions** sought by Pure Turoa Ltd to operate Turoa Ski Area
2. Consider how the term of the concession can be extended to provide sufficient time for payback of the capital investment required to remove and replace some of the lifts as shown in the indicative development plan, while also respecting and providing for collaboration with Ngāti Rangī and any other relevant iwi so that the outcomes of their treaty settlement can be recognised and provided for by the applicant and DOC when the time comes.
3. Note that climate change will potentially render commercial ski areas on Mt Ruapehu economically unviable at some point during this century if the 2,300m elevation remains the upper limit for development, so allowing lift development in the 1,900m – 2,300m zone within the current ski area boundary may be desirable to ensure that popular and rewarding lift-serviced alpine snow sports can continue on the maunga for as long as possible.

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ex local Hotel owner -	Hand written	See below

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as a past Ohakune hotel owner, I know how the Turoa ski field is of the utmost importance to the Ohakune Community culturally, recreationally, economically, and the main reason we chose to make Ohakune home.

Charlotte and myself had the misfortune of operating the Ohakune Hotel for six years when RAL was governed by people from all over NZ except Ohakune who had no regard, consideration or respect for the local support businesses.

I believe that for Turoa to operate as a successful recreation business it needs to be operated by local people with some skin in the game who will make sure Turoa is both economically and recreationally a success.

To have a disfunctional organisation like RAL or some Government agency, Turoa would end up a financial disaster with no recreational benefit for NZ.



A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 237

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Chris Waddell
Organisation	
Date	8/2/2024

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:

Totally support Pure Turoa Limited. They are local businesspeople who are passionate about the town of Ohakune, as well as the mountain. They have nothing but the best interests for Ohakune.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Pure Turoa has my 100% support.

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.

G. Attachments

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A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 238**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Michael Harallambi
Organisation	
Date	8 Feb 2024

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:

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I approve this submission as it will greatly support many thousands of people, workers and businesses in Ohakune.

The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:

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5. **A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant** SUB 239

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

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

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

7. **C.2 Your name**

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Owen Braddock
Organisation	
Date	08/02/2024

8. **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).

9. **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

10. F. Objection or submission

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

The whole thing.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Based on the current model of operation and infrastructure at Turoa without the constant financial support from Whakapapa it is unviable to continue to run in this fashion, PTL's plans to reduce the footprint of the ski area will make it a viable business I believe. Wait times for lifts and opening will be reduced creating a better customer experience well into the future. I believe they have the greater community's interests at heart and will operate Turoa to its full potential.

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.

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Email: mtruapehusubmissions@doc.govt.nz

SUB 240

Subject line: Submission on Tūroa Ski Field Concession Application

Post:

Director General
Department of Conservation
Permissions Hamilton
Private Bag 3072
Hamilton 3240

Attention: Lynette Trewavas, Senior Permissions Adviser

Submitters: Murray & Robyn Parrish

Address For Service:

[REDACTED]

Contacts:

[REDACTED]

Phone:

[REDACTED]

Submission on Tūroa Ski Field Concession Application

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the above application.

Our interest is as ^{Sec 9(2)(a)} [REDACTED] members of the public with an active interest in the ongoing health and wellbeing of Ruapahu's natural environment. On that basis we are **supportive** of the application by Pure Turoa Limited (PTL) as detailed in their Application dated 8 December 2023.

Our submission is that the Minister make a decision in favour of the applicants for the reasons set out and subject to the conditions proposed by the applicant, recognising that the actual and potential conservation and environmental benefits of such approval extend beyond the matters

covered directly by the applicant. In this regard we would request the Minister give particular consideration to:

Submission 1: PTL application as catalyst for broader and complementary regional economic activity.

Commercially viable operations such as that proposed by PTL serve to attract an increase in permanent and visitor numbers to the area. Such populations represent a community of interest and an economic base from which voluntary and commercial resources can be mobilized for broader conservation and restoration efforts in the area, for example pest species control. There are an increasing number of examples around NZ demonstrating the potential for positive environmental feedback whereby the success of voluntary, government-funded and or commercial restoration results in such efforts being sustained and expanded, for example Tiritiri Island in the Hauraki Gulf and 'mainland islands' such as Zealandia. An active and expanded community of interest in the health of Ruapahau and its wider environs is in our submission a useful precursor to ensure the effort and investment needed to achieve NZ's 'predator free' 2050 goals.

People appreciating the broader natural attractions available in the Ruapehu area and returning in all seasons will be revitalized by the investment proposed by PTL. The application makes mention of the high cost of ski infrastructure and by implication, the need to generate reasonable returns on that investment over the comparatively short ski season. Without questioning the commercial assumptions inherent in PTL's application it is a matter of logic that associated and complementary uses of the existing and proposed facilities will help secure investments in the area over the longer term. Sightseeing and tramping have long attracted visitors to the area. More recently the interest in active pursuits such as mountain biking have extended the interest in visiting the area in all seasons.

Relief sought:

Approve the application subject to a condition that PTL give consideration to coordinating their management and investment in ski infrastructure with those proposing complementary services and activities. The objective of such efforts would be to expand the range of experiences available to visitors and locals at all times of the year. Any such condition should not extend to a requirement contradictory to the commercial interest of the applicant or pose an undue risk to the natural and cultural values of the maunga.

Submission 2: Climate Change

The maintenance and, as appropriate, expansion of existing ski-related recreational opportunities in the Central North Island (and specifically PTL's application) fulfills a regional / North Island recreational demand that is otherwise met by travel to other parts of NZ and internationally. Logic suggests that the alternative to a CNI recreational opportunity involves a greater and more energy-intensive travel 'cost' for many in the North Island.

The NZ government has a statutory commitment to reduced national emissions of greenhouse gasses (GHG's), underpinning the country's international commitment to and trading interests in a 'net zero' emissions economy by 2050.

Relief Sought:

Make a non-binding request of the applicants and relevant Government agencies (including SOE's) that consideration be given to expanding the public transport options available to those visiting the Turoa area from major NZ population centers including Auckland and Wellington. Without seeking to limit the scope of this proposed relief and for example, specific consideration could be given to public or private investment in dedicated weekend and holiday season train travel to the area for skiers, trampers and mountain bikers, offering the scope for some level of all year round service.

Murray and Robyn Parrish



A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 241**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Craig Stevenson
Organisation	N/A
Date	8 February 2024

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:

- The concession is for only 10 years, this is too short.
- Removal of four chairlifts and only replacing with one.
- Overall lack of information disclosure. The sale to TPL lacks understanding by MBIE on the wider issues. The process lacks transparency and not enough information to know if TPL is financially sound.
- Failure to address a solution to Whakapapa's part in the liquidation of RAL.
- Iwi, other stakeholders and the local community have been ignored and disrespected by MBIE in this process.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

The highly probable delay in negotiating a new short term concessions, when an existing 60 year concession is already in place. This does not allow for meaningful development and reflects a lack of long-term commitment. It is also deeply disrespectful to Māori and the on-going Tongariro National Park treaty claim. This rushed process and the clandestine nature of MBIE's dealings with PTL are hard to comprehend for a Crown business negotiation, which should be transparent and fair.

The removal of the key lifts will drastically reduce the skiable terrain on the mountain, worsening queues and create dangerous congestion, forcing those who are beginner or intermediate skiers to have to ski with more advanced skiers.

The PTL model and proposed season pass price of \$1500 will effectively turn Turoa into an elite club field, resulting in many regular Ruapehu skiers deciding to head to the South Island, which will negatively impact not only Turoa but also Whakapapa, Ohakune and other surrounding towns.

There appears to be a lack of accountability for PTL, given they may charge monthly expenses and just walk away if they don't succeed, with no penalty for restoration. The removal of the infrastructure has to be the worst possible outcome and yet this solution is the most risky in terms of it happening.

Information provided excludes details on what MBIE and DOC will incur if the business fails and infrastructure needs to be removed from the mountain.

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.

The National Parks Act strives to 'preserve and protect in perpetuity. To provide for the benefit, use and enjoyment of the parks for all people'. This is a worthy goal and I believe the best outcome is to keep skiing and riding on Mt Ruapehu accessible for as many New Zealanders as possible.

I reject any rushed privatisation/sale of RAL ski area assets, and urge the Crown to engage with iwi and the wider community to run the ski fields to best industry practice to ensure accessibility for all, and to acknowledge the benefit skiing and riding on Ruapehu brings to the region and the neighbouring small towns.

Any concession needs to be for a longer period of time (minimum 30 years).

Any concession needs to show partnership and/or endorsement from mana whenua. Cease ignoring iwi and retract from seeking new concessions, as they have said they will not approve new concessions until Treaty claims are settled on the Maunga.

Keeping the existing RAL concession in place provides a safe working relationship while the TNP treaty claims are being negotiated between the Government and various iwi interests over coming years.

Any concession should be for the whole mountain, being Whakapapa and Tūroa.

Any concession needs to show active consideration of ongoing accessibility (including socio-economic) to the Operation within this National Park. Especially as a non-profit operator is seen as being more compatible with public access to a National Park environment.

G. Attachments

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A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 242

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Duncan Scott
Organisation	N/A
Date	8/2/2024

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:

I believe that snow sports have a place in community.

Although the ski field is in a World heritage location, I believe that it can be operated in a manager that enables snow sports to be enjoyed along with maintaining the environment in which it operates.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

See above

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.

None

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A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 243

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Simon Banks
Organisation	n/a
Date	8/2/24

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:

The entirety. Please approve it.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I support the ongoing operation and enhancement of snowsports on Mount Ruapehu, and the approval of any necessary concessions, licenses, or leases to allow that to happen.

As an Sec 9(2)(a) I also have some experience with concessions, and with assessments of environmental effects more broadly. I support the assessment of effects and of relevant policy undertaken by Cheal Consultants on behalf of the applicant.

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.

I am satisfied that all relevant outcomes are addressed in the application.

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A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 244

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Liorah Atkinson
Organisation	
Date	8/2/24

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.
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F. Objection or submission

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

All parts. I **support** the granting of concessions to Pure Turoa Ltd.

My reasons for my submission are:

I **support** the granting of concessions to Pure Turoa Ltd because:

- We have strong personal and family connections to the mountains of Tongariro National Park going back to 1986, and we enjoy skiing/snowboarding, tramping and mountaineering as forms of recreation together with our family and many of our friends. We are regular and respectful visitors to TNP and being there is one of our favourite things to do.
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- The proposal is within the amenity area of Turoa Ski Area identified in the TNPMP and is generally consistent with the TNPMP's objectives.
- Granting the concession would **foster recreation** and therefore be consistent with section 6(e) of the Conservation Act, which states:
"to the extent that the use of any natural or historic resource for recreation or tourism is not inconsistent with its conservation, to foster the use of natural and historic resources for recreation, and to allow their use for tourism."
- While there are reasons to consider delaying the granting of concessions until after Te Tiriti o Waitangi claims have been settled, I believe that the applicant's growing relationship with Ngāti Rangī and others, combined with the relatively short term sought (compared with the current RAL concession's 60 years) and the proposal to eventually remove and replace the Ngā Wai Heke, Park Lane, Wintergarden and Giant lifts with one gondola or high capacity chair with a mid-station, plus the fact that the infrastructure will be damaged by ice if not operated each winter, mean granting the concession now and then working with iwi collaboratively is the best approach.

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.

I submit that the Department of Conservation:

1. **Grant the concessions** sought by Pure Turoa Ltd to operate Turoa Ski Area
2. Consider how the term of the concession can be extended to provide sufficient time for payback of the capital investment required to remove and replace some of the lifts as shown in the indicative development plan, while also respecting and providing for collaboration with Ngāti Rangī and any other relevant iwi so that the outcomes of their treaty settlement can be recognised and provided for by the applicant and DOC when the time comes.
3. Note that climate change will potentially render commercial ski areas on Mt Ruapehu economically unviable at some point during this century if the 2,300m elevation remains the upper limit for development, so allowing lift development in the 1,900m – 2,300m zone within the current ski area boundary may be desirable to ensure that popular and rewarding lift-serviced alpine snow sports can continue on the maunga for as long as possible.

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A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 245**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Jenny Robb
Organisation	Robb Engineering Ltd
Date	8/2/24

D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

- I **Support** this Application (I am making a submission)
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F. Objection or submission

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My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I support Pure Turoa for the future of our region.

The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:
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A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 246

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Ben Wiggins
Organisation	TCB Ski Board bike
Date	8/2/2024

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I would like to make a submission in support of Pure Turoa,
Sec 9(2)(a)
Sec 9(2)(a) that work for me are all greatly affected by the outcome of this sale.
We have always worked closely with the mountain and have seen a definite lack of leadership and a loss of institutional knowledge over the last 5-6 years.
We as are local community here in Ohakune are in Full support of Pure Turoa taking over The Turoa ski field. They not only offer better management but return staff that have institutional knowledge and have the proven ability to have the skills and experience and respect of the entire community.
The entire region is reliant on the continued reliable operation of the mountain and that is something that only Pure Turoa can offer.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Support a transition to Pure Turoa to ensure that the Ruapehu region has stability and a social, cultural and economic future.
Without the effective management of Turoa the entire Ruapehu region risks losing thousands of jobs and livelihoods.

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.

Grant Pure Turoa the Concession for leases, licences, permits, or easements under section Sections 17SC and 49 of the Conservation Act 1987.
So that they can move forward and secure a future for our region.

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Jeffrey Page
Organisation	N/A
Date	8/2/2024

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F. Objection or submission

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I support the application as written. I would support the following amendments.

1. An increase in the duration of the concession is from 10 years, given the length of the concession RAL currently has.
2. Not requiring a decrease in access to the mountain if the concession is awarded by requiring the removal of lifts.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I support the ongoing operation and enhancement of snowsports on Mount Ruapehu, and the approval of any necessary concessions, licenses, or leases to allow that to happen.

Regarding potential amendments

1. There currently remains an existing concession on the site of 60 years.
Environmentally, the longer the commitment to a place, the more invested a party is in the sustainability of a place.
2. Increased costs and decreased mountain capacity will make Tūroa less accessible to New Zealanders. The reduction in capacity with the removal of the Nga Wai Heke chair, Giant Chair, and the Wintergarden Platter and less operational days, longer inactive vs active time on the mountain and lowered accessibility to the Maunga during the operating season. The lower capacity of 4500 would see increased demand, leading to price increases which will take the cost of utilising this natural resource beyond the reach of most New Zealanders.

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Any concession needs to be for a longer period of time (minimum 30 years).
Any concession should not reduce the operating capacity of Tūroa. Capacity should be increased.

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Alan Hancorn
Organisation	Manuka Lodge 18 Manuka St Ohakune
Date	6 Feb 2024

D. Statement of Support

I **Support** this Application (I am making a submission)

E. Hearing Request

I **Do Not** wish to be heard in support of this objection or submission at a hearing.

F. Submission

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

I support the application of Pure Turoa to operate Turoa ski area.

My reasons for my submission are:

Ohakune urgently needs a functional company with a robust future plan operating Turoa ski area – without this many local businesses will not survive and the town will go into significant decline. The wider region also benefits from a thriving town on the south side of Tongariro National Park.

Pure Turoa have emerged as the only contender for operating Turoa. They have been diligent in consultation and through this Ngati Rangī have indicated their support, subject to conditions. These conditions are chiefly environmental and focus on the reduction of ski field footprint. This is directly in line with the Department of Conservation’s stated purpose to ensure that the land is well so the people can thrive.

The future of Ohakune is at stake and I believe granting Pure Turoa a concession to operate will pull economic, environmental and Iwi interests together in a way we have not previously seen. In this regard, RAL have been a long-running, dysfunctional, unmitigated disaster. Now a new approach is possible and Pure Turoa is it.

On behalf of the families and businesses who have invested their lives in this unique and utterly beautiful place, I urge you to help ensure there are no further delays in this process. I really can’t stress enough how important this decision is. Thank you.

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.

A new entity (Pure Turoa) to come into the arena forthwith, focussing on a year round, environmentally and culturally sensitive mountain operation that provides a sustainable, harmonious future for Turoa, Ngati Rangī, and the residents and businesses of Ohakune/Raetihi, and the wider region.

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Braden Allen

Organisation

Date

8/2/24

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Support Submission

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

~~Support~~ Support Submission

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Murray Wallace Tait
Organisation	Resident
Date	8 th February 2024

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All parts of the application in full.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Sec 9(2)(a)

. We fully support the application by Pure Turoa to lease and operate the Turoa ski area on Mt Ruapehu.

We believe the continued operation of the ski area is critically important for the ongoing well being of the Ohakune community and surrounding Waimarino District. It brings visitors who need accommodation, food & provisions. Rent ski equipment and mountain bikes, refuel their vehicles, buy beers, coffees and chocolate eclairs.

Local residents likewise need, indeed rely, on these same amenities while also requiring community infrastructure of schooling, health, professional services, plumbers, builders, electricians, mechanics, teachers and bus drivers.

If Turoa doesn't reopen our community loses all mountain employees both permanent and part time season staff. Its highly unlikely they could all find gainful employment in Ohakune and will be forced to vacate for jobs out of the district. This will ^{Sec 9(2)(a)}, reduce school rolls, collapse residential property values, make commercial retail businesses completely unviable, forcing permanent closure due lack of any possible resale market.

The inevitably consequence is large numbers vacating Ohakune and no longer paying rates, forcing an ever increasing burden on remaining residents to cover the huge reduction in rates income.

It must be acknowledged that the ski area must not stay open at all or any cost. DOC understandably has responsibility to ensure full access for all recreational users and their safety, balanced against best practice long term conservation requirements. We submit that Pure Turoa's application credibly addresses all of these aspects, including consultation with Iwi.

As recreational skiers we are additionally concerned that if Turoa and Whakapapa were to cease operating commercially we would be forced to travel to the South Island to ski. Forgetting the time and expense this creates, it clearly raises capacity issues for these Southern fields – they quite simply don't have sufficient resources and facilities to cope with their existing numbers let alone the increase of Nort Island skiers descending on them. Access would need to be controlled, likely restricting locals as well as inbound Australian tourists and the effect this has on foreign exchange earnings for New Zealand.

On the balance of community, commercial, recreational, conservation and cultural needs we fully endorse and support Pure Turoa's application.

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