Applicant Information Form 1aNotified or Non-notified Process



Is this the right application form for me?

This **Applicant Information Form 1a** – Notified or Non-notified Process must be completed for **the following longer term applications** (i.e. not one-off applications):

- Grazing
- Land use: Tenanting and/or using existing DOC facility/structure
- Land use: Use of public conservation land for private commercial facility/structure
- Guiding/Tourism/Recreation: Watercraft activities
- Filming
- Sports events
- Marine reserves application form 11a: Structure in a marine reserve

For other activities use the specific activity application forms that combine applicant and activity information or book a pre-application meeting.

How do I complete this applicant information form?

- Complete all sections of this applicant information form.
- In addition, you must complete the activity application form/s that you wish to undertake.
- DOC encourages electronic applications (e.g. typed Word document), rather than handwritten
 applications. Electronic applications are easier to read and less likely to be returned to you for
 clarification.
- If you need extra space, attach or include extra documents and label them according to the relevant section. Record all attachments in the table at the back of the application information form section
 F Attachments.

How do I submit my application?

Email the following to permissions@doc.govt.nz:

- Completed applicant information form 1a
- Completed activity application form
- Any other relevant attachments.

If I need help, where do I get more information?

Check the DOC webpage for the activity you are applying¹ for.

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https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/apply-for-a-permit/

- Arrange a pre-application meeting (either face to face or over the phone) by contacting the <u>Department of Conservation Office</u>² closest to where the activity is proposed. You can use <u>DOC</u> <u>maps</u>³ to identify which District Office you should contact. Or arrange a meeting with any of our <u>four offices that process concessions</u>⁴ – choose the one closest to where the activity is proposed.
- If your application covers multiple districts, contact the office nearest most of the locations you are applying for, or nearest to locations you have a specific question about.

What happens next?

Once your application forms are received, your application will be assessed by DOC. If your application is complete, DOC will begin processing.

If your application is incomplete it will be returned to you for more information.

Why does DOC ask for this information?

The questions in this application information form and the activity application form/s are designed to cover the requirements set out in conservation legislation. Your answers allow us to assess:

- Your most up-to-date details so that DOC can contact you about your application.
- Your qualifications, resources, skills and experience to adequately conduct the activity on public conservation land.
- Your creditworthiness will help determine whether DOC should extend credit to you and set up a
 DOC customer accounts receivable credit account for cost recovery. To make this assessment
 DOC will supply your information to a credit checking agency.

Note:

- Personal information will be managed by DOC confidentially. For further information check <u>DOC's</u> privacy and security statements⁵.
- Information collected by DOC will be supplied to a debt collection agency in the event of nonpayment of payable fees.

What fees will I pay?

You may be required to pay a **processing fee** for this application regardless of whether your application is granted or not. You may request an estimate of the processing fees for your application. If you request an estimate, DOC may require you to pay the reasonable costs of the estimate prior to it being prepared. DOC will not process your application until the estimate has been provided to you. In addition, if you are granted a guiding concession on public conservation land you may be required to pay annual **activity and management fees**. These fees are listed on the DOC webpage for the activity you are applying⁶ for.

DOC will invoice your processing fees after your application has been considered. If your application is large or complex, DOC may undertake billing at intervals periodically during processing until a decision is made. If you withdraw your application DOC will invoice you for the costs incurred up to the point of your withdrawal.

² www.doc.govt.nz/footer-links/contact-us/office-by-name/

³ http://maps.doc.govt.nz/mapviewer/index.html?viewer=docmaps

⁴ https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/contacts

⁵ https://www.doc.govt.nz/footer-links/privacy-and-security/

⁶ https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/apply-for-a-permit/

Your application will set up a credit account with DOC. See the checklist at the end of the form for the terms and conditions you need to accept for a DOC credit account.

Will my application be publicly notified?

Your application will be publicly notified if:

- It is a license with a term of more than 10 years.
- It is a lease.
- After having regard to the effects of the activity, DOC considers it appropriate to do so.

Public notification will increase the time and cost of processing of your application.

What does DOC require if my application is approved?

If your application is approved DOC requires:

- **Insurance** to indemnify the Minister of Conservation against any claims or liabilities arising from your actions. The level of insurance cover will depend on the activity.
- A copy of your safety plan audited by an external expert (e.g. Health and Safety in Employment (Adventure Activity) Regulations 2011 audit or a DOC listed organisation). See the <u>Safety Plan</u>⁷ information on the DOC website for further information.

Note: DOC/Minister can vary the concession if the information on which the concession was granted contained material inaccuracies. DOC may also recover any costs incurred.

⁷ https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/managing-your-concession/safety-plans/

A. Applicant details

Legal status of applicant (tick)		Individual (Go to 1)						
		Registered company (Go to 2)			Trust (G	o to ②)		
		☐ Other (Go to ②)			.g. Educ	cational institutes		
0	Applicant name (ind	lividual)						
	Phone			Mobile phone				
	Email							
	Physical address						Postco	de
	Postal address (if di from above)	fferent					Postco	ode
2	Applicant name (full name of registered company, trust, incorporated society or other)		New Zealan	New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.				
	Trading name (if different from app	olicant name)						
	NZBN if applicable (to apply go to: https://www.nzbn.govt.nz)		94290427086 ⁻	ind so reg	Company, trust or incorporated society 223863 registration number			
	Registered office of company or incorporated society (if applicable)		4 Graham F	4 Graham Road, Takanini, 2112, New Zealand				
	Company phone		09 298 5460	G Cc	Company website www.nzmca.o		zmca.org.nz	
	Contact person and role Phone Email		James Imla	James Imlach – National Manager, Property & Policy			& Policy	
			09 298 5 ext. 705	IVIC	Mobile phone			
			james@nzn	james@nzmca.org.nz				
	Postal address		PO Box 721	PO Box 72147, Papakura Postcode		code	2244	
	Street address (if different from postal address)		4 Graham F	4 Graham Road, Takanini Posi		code	2112	

B. Pre-application meeting			
Have you had a pre-application meeting or spoken to	someone in DOC?		
No			
Yes	\boxtimes		
If yes record the:			
Date of DOC pre-application meeting	3 September 2024		
Name of DOC staff member	Murray Thomas and Tony P	reston	
Name of person who had the pre-application meeting with DOC	James Imlach and	for the NZM	CA
Tick the activity application form applicable to the acconservation land. Complete the applicant information them with any attachments to permissions@doc.govt. ACTIVITY APPLICATION FORM*	form and the activity application	•	TICK
Grazing		2a	
Land use: Tenanting and/or using existing DOC fac	sility/structure	3a	
Land use: Use of public conservation land for privat facility/structure	te/commercial	3b	
Guiding/Tourism/Recreation: Watercraft activities		4b	
Filming		5a	
Sporting Events		6a	
Marine reserves application form: Structure in a ma	rine reserve	11a	
Other activities (not covered in the above forms or i	n the new activity	7a	

Note: If the activity is not in this list check the activity on the DOC website to find the correct application form or book a pre-application meeting. Application forms that combine applicant and activity information on the DOC website include:

- Aircraft activities⁸
- Easements⁹
- Land based guiding¹⁰

application forms that combine applicant and activity information)

⁸ https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/business-or-activity/aircraft-activities/

⁹ https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/business-or-activity/access-easements/

¹⁰ https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/business-or-activity/land-based-guided-activities/

Are you applying for anything else? Are you submitting any other application forms in relation to this application? No X Yes If yes, state which application forms:

E. Background experience of applicant

Provide relevant information relating to your ability to carry out the proposed activity (e.g. details of previous concessions, membership of professional organisations, and relevant qualifications).

Background

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Formed in 1956, the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc. (NZMCA) is a membership-based organisation representing the interests of some 120,000 New Zealanders who enjoy exploring the country at leisure in their certified self-contained motorhomes and caravans. The NZMCA is a member of Tourism Industry Aotearoa and has a long-standing relationship with the Department of Conservation, with a particular focus on responsible camping and conservation awareness.

NZMCA Parks

The NZMCA currently operates 62 'NZMCA Parks' nationwide. These parks are designed and operated to temporarily accommodate our members' travelling in certified self-contained motorhomes and caravans. Members pay \$5 per adult per night to stay at one of our parks and in some locations, we share the net profits with the local community. In 2020, DOC, KiwiRail and the NZMCA entered into a long-term partnership agreement to support the Kea Conservation Trust by passing on the net profits from parks operating on KiwiRail (and potentially PCL) land.

Public campgrounds

Outside of its NZMCA Parks network, the Association manages three public campgrounds under longterm lease agreements with local authorities: Moeraki Boulders Holiday Park @Hampden Beach, and the Glinks Gully and Kellys Bay Reserve Campgrounds on Pouto Peninsula in Kaipara. The NZMCA shares the net profits from its Pouto campgrounds with the local community.

Environmental initiatives

Since 2017, the NZMCA has operated its Greenfund programme to provide financial and volunteer support towards grassroots and environmental projects nationwide. The Association recently initiated a programme to install traps at NZMCA Parks in support of PredatorFree 2050.

Orari campsite

The NZMCA operates a park on conservation land in Westport under a long-term management agreement with DOC's Buller Office. We are applying for a concession to operate another park for self-contained vehicles only at the former Orari campsite near Geraldine. As part of its proposal, the NZMCA will use its Greenfund to provide financial support towards the maintenance of the Orari Gorge Track, and work with DOC to place traps around the park in support of Predator Free 2050.

Key personnel

James Imlach – National Manager, Property & Policy has been working for the NZMCA since 2009 and has personally overseen the development of 50 NZMCA Parks. James has a master's degree in resource & environmental planning from Massey University and is a member of the NZ Planning Institute.

F. Attachments

Attachments should only be used if there is:

- · Not enough space on the form to finish your answer
- You have additional information that supports your answer
- You wish to make an additional request of DOC regarding the application.

Label each document clearly and complete the table below.

Section of the application form the attachment relates to	Document title	Document format (e.g. Word, PDF, Excel, jpg etc.)	Description of attachment
<u>Correct example ✓</u> D	Locations	PDF	Trust Deed.
Incorrect example X Table	Doc1	Word	Table

G. Checklist

Application checklist	Tick
I have completed all sections of this applicant information form relevant to my application and understand that the form will be returned to me if it is incomplete.	
I certify that the information provided in this applicant information form, and any attached additional forms is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.	
I have completed the activity application form.	
I have appropriately labelled all attachments and completed section F Attachments .	
I will email permissions@doc.govt.nz my:	

H. Terms and conditions for a credit account with the Department of Conservation

Have you held an account with the Department of Conservation before?	Tick			
No				
Yes				
If 'yes' under what name				
Does your organisation require a purchase order number for invoicing purposes?				
If yes, please provide the number here:				
All invoices related to this Permission will be coded to this purchase order number unless otherwise advised. It is the applicant's responsibility to advise the Department if the purchase order needs to change through the lifetime of the Permission.				
In ticking this checklist and placing your name be and agreed to the terms and conditions for an a		-		
Terms and conditions		Tick		
I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can pro Department's Credit Checking Agency to enable it to con	•	\boxtimes		
I/We agree that any change which affects the trading address, legal entity, structure of management or control of the applicant's company (as detailed in this application) will be notified in writing to the Department of Conservation within 7 days of that change becoming effective.				
I/We agree to notify the Department of Conservation of a of the date of the invoice.	ny disputed charges within 14 days	\boxtimes		
I/We agree to fully pay the Department of Conservation f the due date.	or any invoice received on or before	\boxtimes		

I/We agree to pay all costs incurred (including interest, legal costs and debt recovery fees) to

withdrawn by the Department of Conservation, if any terms and conditions (as above) of the

I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my details to the Department's

I/We agree that the credit account provided by the Department of Conservation may be

Debt Collection Agency in the event of non-payment of payable fees.

recover any money owing on this account.

credit account are not met.

X

X

X

For Departmental use		
Credit check completed		
Comments:		
Signed	Name	
Approved (Tier 4 manager or above)	Name	



Concession Application Form 3b – Private/commercial facility/structures

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. 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.

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.

Overview

In February 2024, the Department of Conservation closed the <u>Orari Campsite</u> due to a water supply issue that will not be resolved in the foreseeable future. NZMCA have since met with Geraldine DOC staff to discuss the possibility of reopening the campsite to campers travelling in fully self-contained vehicles only. There is general agreement the campsite could reopen as an <u>NZMCA Park</u>, managed by the NZMCA under a long-term lease.

About the site

Name: Orari (Standard) Campsite

Status of PCL: Orari Gorge Scenic Reserve (map attached) Legal Description: PTS SCENIC RES 3811 BLK V ORARI SD

Address: Yates Road, RD 21, Geraldine

Location NZTM coordinates: E1454436, N5127884 Lease area: Approx. 8,150sqm (map attached)

Proposal

The NZMCA proposes to enter into a long-term lease (minimum 10 years) to reopen the campsite for its members travelling in certified self-contained motorhomes and caravans. New signage would be installed at the gate and within the site to inform visitors vehicle access and camping is available to NZMCA members only.

A combination lock with a code made available to members only through our communication channels will restrict vehicle access for camping to NZMCA members only.

As with most NZMCA Parks, we will not demarcate individual campsites rather members will be permitted to park in open space areas around the campsite while maintaining a 3m gap between camping vehicles. We estimate the campsite will have capacity for up to 40-average size motor caravans, however based on data at similar parks elsewhere in the region we expect the campsite to operate at less than 50% capacity for most of the year. Please see attached photos of a similar designed park we operate in Waimate.

The existing ablutions block will remain closed for the duration of NZMCA's tenure. This is because there is no viable water supply in the area (at least for the foreseeable future). The absence of a reliable water supply is the reason the site closed down and can no longer operate as a public campground.

No rubbish facilities will be provided on site. Members will be required to "pack in, pack out" their rubbish and waste. This requirement will be noted on the visitor rules sign, and on the site listing that is published on the NZMCA website and app.

NZMCA will install an implement/registration shed (footprint up to 20sqm) on site for landscaping equipment and for its members to use as a place to sign in and read information about the campsite/Orari track/surrounding area, along with a water tank (non-potable up to 20,000L) for gardening purposes. These structures will be located on clear ground and not require the removal of any plants or trees. The wooden shed will be fixed to a concrete base, and the plastic water tank will sit on top of a gravel base. Minor excavation of the ground will be required to form the shed's concrete base, and spoil will be repurposed on site. Solar panels will be installed on top of the shed to help power a battery that runs Wi-Fi on site so members can pay their campsite fees online. This will save the hassle of installing an iron ranger and mitigate any safety concerns holding cash on site. See attached example of a similar shed with concrete base, solar panels on the roof, and adjacent water tank at an NZMCA Park near Koromiko.

No major work nor access to services is required on site to reopen the campsite for self-contained visitors. NZMCA will be responsible for regulatory compliance and maintaining the lawns and garden areas at no cost to DOC by utilising local contractors and hosting the occasional volunteer working bee.

In the spirit of our 2020 partnership agreement with DOC, KiwiRail and the Kea Conservation Trust, the NZMCA will share the net profits of the campsite with the Kea Conservation Trust.

NZMCA will also use its <u>Greenfund</u> to contribute up to \$3,000 per year towards the ongoing maintenance costs of the Orari Gorge Track.

NZMCA is open to negotiating the profit share arrangement and Greenfund contribution with DOC.

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

If required, the small implement/registration shed and water tank must be installed on site for its intended use. We would work with DOC's local office on an agreed location, form and design, to mitigate any adverse effects as much as possible.

C. Larger area

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

YES / 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:

Is this necessary for safety or security purposes?

YES / NO

Is this necessary as an integral part of the activity?

YES / NO

Is this essential to carrying on the activity?

YES / NO

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

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 /-NO (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 /-NO

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

YES /-NO

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

YES /-NO

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 NZMCA seeks exclusive use of the proposed campsite for the benefit of its members only. Our members are accustomed to staying at NZMCA Parks in certified self-contained vehicles, under a model that prioritises simplicity, affordability, and responsible camping.

Exclusive access is essential to maintain this model. It enables NZMCA to operate low-cost, low-impact sites without the infrastructure and overheads typically required for public campsites. This includes avoiding the need for a public booking system, on-site management, and expanded facilities such as rubbish disposal, all of which would significantly increase operational costs and complexity.

Our parks are governed by NZMCA's membership rules and bylaws, which promote responsible camping and environmental stewardship. Exclusive access allows us to enforce these standards consistently and efficiently. Introducing public access would require additional resources to manage non-member expectations and behaviour, ensure compliance with park rules, and resolve potential conflicts. These are challenges that are not feasible within our current operating model.

Moreover, reopening a public campsite would require substantial upfront investment in infrastructure and ongoing operational costs, which would undermine our ability to offer affordable camping options to our members.

In short, exclusive access is not only central to our operational viability it is fundamental to the integrity of our parks network and the experience our members expect.

Any member of the public (that is a permanent resident of NZ and meets the Association's membership criteria/rules) can join the NZMCA - https://www.nzmca.org.nz/membership/application.

E. Technical Specifications (for telecommunications sites only)

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

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.

Ten (10) years if NZMCA's request for exclusive access for camping doesn't trigger public notification. Fifteen (15) years if the NZMCA's request for exclusive access for camping does trigger public notification.

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-quidance/legal-framework/hsno-act-1996

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

YES / 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
EG: Tararua Forest Park	Northern rata - threatened species	Damage to the plants by construction	Brief construction and maintenance staff of the location and importance of the species; clearly tape off areas with the species to avoid damage
E1455336 N5127912	Visual amenity (scenic reserve)	Affecting visual amenity by installing a 1sqm sign at the entrance to inform visitors this is now an NZMCA Park and vehicle access is restricted to NZMCA members only.	The sign will be affixed to the existing farm gate to avoid new post holes. The sign will have a dark blue background with NZMCA red wings and white text notifying visitors of the site and conditions of entry.
Orari campsite	Visual amenity (scenic reserve)	Affecting visual amenity by installing up to 2 x 1.2sqm signs on site to outline visitor rules.	Exact location and design elements to be agreed on with DOC. The rules will also reflect any special terms of the lease agreement.
Orari campsite	Vegetation and natural environment	Mitigating waste discharge to ground.	Restricting access to vehicles that are certified self- contained to either the NZMCA's certification programme and/or the government's new self-containment

			regulations will further protect the site from the risk of indiscriminate waste disposal.
Orari campsite	Visual amenity (scenic reserve)	Visual impact of 20sqm wooden shed with solar panels and adjacent non-potable water tank up to 20,000L.	Locate structures on clear ground to avoid the need to remove any plants or trees and use colours that are reflective of the natural environment, e.g. dark green, brown.
Orari Gorge Scenic Reserve	Orari gorge public track	Helping DOC maintain the track to protect ongoing public access.	Financial support towards track maintenance costs via the lease and Greenfund contribution.
Orari campsite	Vegetation and natural environment – planned maintenance.	Overgrown lawns, vegetation, and weed control.	NZMCA will engage a local contractor to mow the lawns on a regular basis, the frequency of which will depend on the time of year and suitable weather conditions to avoid damaging the site. NZMCA will also organise working bees with our volunteers to help weed the site and, where necessary, prune overgrown vegetation to protect them from damage. Lawn clippings will be repurposed on site to help maintain existing vegetation. Weeds and pruning waste will be disposed of offsite, e.g. at the local transfer station.

I.	Other
	ere any further information you wish to supply in support of your application? Please attach if ssary and label Attachment 3a:I.







