

# Resource Management Submission Form

Under the Resource Management Act 1991

## Submitters Details

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\* Our default method of corresponding with you is by email and phone. Alternatively, if you wish to receive correspondence by post (including any decision) please provide a postal address and tick the relevant box above.

## Address For Service (if different from the submitter's details)

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**Details of application being submitted on**

<b>Applicant's name:</b>	Queenstown Commercial Parapenters Limited
<b>RM reference:</b>	RM230149
<b>Description of proposed activity:</b>	Establish and operate a commercial tree-climb ropes course and picnic facilities alongside Lakeside Drive in the Takapō   Lake Tekapo township.

**My submission**

Please indicate whether you support, oppose or are neutral to the application or specific parts of it (Tick):

☒ Support      ☐ Oppose      ☐ Neutral

**My submission is (the particular parts of the application I support or are opposed to are):**

### **3.2 The Tree Climb Activity - Support**

### **2.3 Lakeside Drive - Neutral (refer below)**

(Attach separate sheet as required)

**The reasons for my submission (the reasons I support or oppose the particular parts of the application above):**

#### **3.2 Tree Climb Activity**

The proposed activity will operate between 9am and 7pm, seven days a week, and 365 days of the year. However it is anticipated that opening hours and days will be limited during winter months, and during times of inclement weather. In time, and during peak periods, the activity may employ up to 6 staff members. An online booking system will be used to manage bookings. During peak times, at capacity, there may be up to 60 people on the course at any one time. Entry and exit the course will be via the base station building, and access to the course will be via the base station building roof.

The Mackenzie Tourism Industry Assn (MTIA), encourages and supports new tourism product being developed in the Mackenzie district. Offering a broad range of activities for visitors encourages a longer length of stay in the region, giving visitors more choice of things to do and see. When providing an activity which is delivered all year round, this supports visitation across all seasons and this helps support spreading economic growth outside the current busy summer season.

Safety concern - MTIA has concerns how the applicant intends to make the tree climb course secure from

**My submission would be met by the Council making the following decision (give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought):**

2.3 Lakeside Drive

The Transport Assessment prepared by Stantec (Appendix 6), notes that Lakeside Drive in the vicinity of the site has a sealed carriageway suitable for two-way vehicle movement at slow speed. It notes that there is a ~130m long gravelled area on the northern side of the road which is used for informal car parking (capacity for ~45 vehicles parked at 2.8m spacings). It sets out that as there are no kerbs along this section of the road there is unrestricted access to the parking area. The Transport Assessment (Appendix 6) notes that Fulton Hogan (Mackenzie District Council's Roading Contractor) has advised that daily traffic volumes during the peak summer on Lakeside Drive (recorded in the January – February in 2019 and 2022) were ~2,500 vehicles per day. However during the winter months, traffic volumes are more typically 600-700 vehicles per day.

MTIA has concerns around the carparking area underneath and alongside the tree climb course. The existing carpark is unformed and unorganised which allows for inefficient and scattered parking. The surface is mainly unprotected dust, in windy conditions dust can be seen blowing through where the proposed tree climb course is planned. During summer this area is super busy with vehicles, campervans, buses, boat trailers and picnic goers parked everywhere there is space including underneath and throughout the shaded areas underneath the proposed tree climb course, this area is adjacent to the main footpath along Lakeside Drive, and the only sealed access road (Lakeside Drive) in and out of the area, the public toilets and camping area are accessed on the other side of Lakeside Road.

Safety concerns are evident in such busy times where there are no formal or obvious designated parking areas, access to under the trees can be gained by driving across the footpath at any point, there are no safety barriers to prevent this happening. For safety and improved environmental aspects, MTIA would recommend the carparking area along the entire length of the tree climb course is properly formed and sealed. This would allow for improved safety for pedestrians and efficient parking in and out of the parking area.

## Declarations

**Please indicate whether or not you are a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991 (tick):**

☐ I am a trade competitor                      ☒ I am not a trade competitor

**If you are a trade competitor, please indicate whether or not are directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that**

- (a) Adversely affects the environment; and
- (b) Does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition (tick):

☐ I am directly affected                      ☐ I am not directly affected

**Please indicate whether or not you wish to be heard at the hearing in support of your submission (note you will only be notified of a hearing if you have indicated you wish to be heard) (tick):**

☐ I wish to be heard                      ☒ I do not wish to be heard

**If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing (tick):**

☐ Yes                      ☒ No

Please note ALL information provided in this submission will be made publicly available I understand ☐  
I understand

**Signature of Submitter (or person authorised to sign on behalf of the submitter)\* Date**

- \*If signing on behalf of a trust or company, please provide additional written evidence that you have signing authority.
- \*A signature is not required if you make your submission electronically.

Margaret Munro (on behalf of Mackenzie Tourism Assn)	9	December	2024
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<b>Signature of Submitter</b> <b>(or person authorised to sign on behalf of the submitter)*</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**Note to submitter**

If you are making a submission to the Environment Protection Authority, you should use form 16B. The closing date for serving submissions on the consent authority is the 20<sup>th</sup> working day after the date on which public or limited notification is given. If the application is subject to limited notification, the consent authority may adopt an earlier closing date for submissions once the consent authority receives responses from all affected persons.

You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicant as soon as is reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the consent authority.

If you are a trade competitor, your right to make a submission may be limited by the trade competition provisions in Part 11A of the Resource Management Act 1991.

If you make a request under section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991, you must do so in writing no later than 5 working days after the close of submissions and you may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the hearings commissioner or commissioners.

Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious:
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case:
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further:
- it contains offensive language:
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

