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**Form 6: Further submission in support of, or in opposition to, submission on notified proposed policy statement or plan, change or variation**

*Pursuant to clause 8 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991*

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**To:** Mackenzie District Council

**Name of submitter:** Director-General of Conservation (the **Director-General**)

1. This is a further submission in support of a submission on proposed **Plan Change 29 to the Mackenzie District Plan - Open Space and Recreation Zones, Noise, Signs and Temporary Activities** (the **Proposal**):
2. The **Director-General** represents relevant aspects of public interest and has interest in the proposal that is greater than the interest the general public. The Director-General has all the powers reasonably necessary to enable the Department of Conservation (**DOC**) to perform its functions<sup>1</sup>. The Conservation Act 1987 (the **CA**) sets out DOC's functions which include (amongst other things) management of land and natural and historic resources for conservation purposes, preservation so far as is practicable of all indigenous freshwater fisheries, protection of recreational freshwater fisheries and freshwater fish habitats and advocacy for the conservation of natural resources and historic heritage<sup>2</sup>. Section 2 of the CA defines 'conservation' to mean '*the preservation and protection of natural and historic resources for the purpose of maintaining their intrinsic values, providing for their appreciation and recreational enjoyment by the public, and safeguarding the options of future generations*'.
3. I have outlined my views on specific submissions in a table on the **attached** table in the required format.
4. I wish to be heard in support of my further submission.
5. If others make a similar submission, I would consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer section 53 Conservation Act 1987.

<sup>2</sup> Conservation Act 1987, section 6.

6. A copy of this submission has been served on the original submitters.



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**Manager Operations**

**Te Manahuna / Twizel**

Acting pursuant to delegated authority on behalf of Penny Nelson, Director-General of Conservation

Date: 24 February 2025

Note: A copy of the Instrument of Delegation may be inspected at the Director-General's office at Conservation House Whare Kaupapa Atawhai, 18/32 Manners Street, Wellington 6011

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<b>I support (or oppose) the submission of:</b>	<b>The particular parts of the submission I support (or oppose) are:</b>	<b>The reasons for my support (or opposition) are:</b>	<b>I seek that the whole (or part [describe part]) of the submission be allowed (or disallowed):</b>
New Zealand Helicopter Association (05.07)	I support incorporating the relief they seek in their submission point relating to Rule NOISE-R10 if the Proposal is granted	This submission raises a valid concern about providing for temporary commercial helicopter activities, which I support to the extent that it relates to pest management and other conservation-related activities.	I seek that the supported submission point be allowed.
Zero Invasive Predators (27.01)	I support incorporating the relief they seek if the Proposal is granted	This submission raises a valid concern about ensuring that noise limits for aircraft operation do not unreasonably restrict pest management work.	I seek that the whole of the supported submission be allowed.