

**BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY
THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

UNDER

the Resource Management Act 1991

IN THE MATTER

of RM230149 an application for land use consent to establish and operate a commercial tree-climb ropes course and picnic facilities at Lakeside Drive, Takapō/Lake Tekapo

BETWEEN

**QUEENSTOWN COMMERCIAL
PARAPENTERS LIMITED**

Applicant

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ANDREW LECKIE

Dated: 27 August 2025

Summary Statement of Andrew Leckie

Introduction

- [1] My name is Andrew Leckie. I prepared evidence for the Queenstown Commercial Parapenters Ltd (**Applicant**) relating to RM230149 an application for land use consent to establish and operate a commercial tree-climb ropes course and picnic facilities at Lakeside Drive, Takapō/Lake Tekapo dated 13 August 2025.
- [2] This summary statement provides a synopsis of the key issues identified in my statement of evidence. These issues include:
- (a) Traffic effects on Lakeside Drive
 - (b) Effects on pedestrian safety
 - (c) Car parking effects

Summary statement

- [3] Lakeside Drive carries relatively low traffic volumes in a slow speed environment. I have assessed that the small volume of additional traffic that the ropes course could generate, including at its busiest times, will have a negligible effect on the safety and efficiency of Lakeside Drive.
- [4] Existing pedestrian crossing demand and pedestrian activity along Lakeside Drive are accommodated safely in the existing environment. I have assessed that additional traffic and pedestrian activity generated by the ropes course will have a negligible effect on pedestrian safety along Lakeside Drive.
- [5] I expect that there will be more than adequate car parking available in the immediate vicinity to accommodate car parking demand at almost all times throughout the year. Any minor displacement effects during peak times would be typical for an activity area and acceptable.
- [6] The applicant has offered consent conditions requiring a travel plan with measures to minimise staff parking in the area and travel demand management information on its website to encourage other travel

modes. I consider that these measures are appropriate to mitigate effects on parking availability at peak times.

Conclusion

- [7] Based on my assessment and with the proposed consent conditions in place, I consider that, from a transport perspective, there is no reason that the consent should not be granted.

Dated: 27 August 2025



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Andrew Leckie