

To: Mackenzie District Council

This is a submission on Resource Consent application RM230149 from Queenstown Commercial Parapenters Limited

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Details of Application:

Applicant's name	Queenstown Commercial Parapenters Limited
RM Reference	RM230149
Description of proposed activity	Land use consent application to establish and operate a commercial tree-climb ropes course on a site at Lakeside Drive, in the Takapō / Lake Tekapo township. The site is owned by Mackenzie District Council.

Our Submission:

Support/Oppose/Neutral

Canterbury Regional Council have a neutral position on the proposed activity.

Submission points

- Wilding conifers – Canterbury Regional Policy Statement 2013 (RPS) Policy 5.3.13 seeks to avoid, or minimise as far as practicable, the risk of wilding tree spread. Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua have raised the issue of potential seed spread from the pine trees on the site and are concerned that the proposed activity could delay the removal of those trees. Canterbury Regional Council request that an assessment of the trees is undertaken. If they are found to be pest species as listed in the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan, the Wilding Risk Calculator in the National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry could be used to

determine the risk the trees pose to the surrounding area. Canterbury Regional Council would support removal of trees that pose a high level of risk.

- Public access – RPS Policy 10.3.5 seeks to promote the maintenance and enhancement of public access to and along the beds of rivers and lakes, and to ensure that subdivision, use and development does not result in inappropriate loss of existing access. While the applicant states that *“The location of the ropes course... will enable the open space area beneath the ropes course to continue to be accessible to the public, including the use of the footpath and picnicking within the trees”*, Canterbury Regional Council has some concern that public access to and along the bed of the lake will be diminished by the proposed activity.
- Stormwater – Canterbury Regional Council have advised that consent may be required around the stormwater rules under the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan.
- It is difficult to determine from the maps supplied in the application whether the proposed building falls within the Flood Hazard Assessment Overlay in the Proposed District Plan provisions. Canterbury Regional Council request that Mackenzie District Council determine whether that is the case.

Reasons for submission

The reason for this submission is to ensure that the proposed activity is consistent with the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement 2013.

Decision sought

- Canterbury Regional Council request that an assessment of the trees is undertaken. If they are found to be pest species as listed in the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan, the Wilding Risk Calculator in the National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry could be used to determine the risk the trees pose to the surrounding area. Canterbury Regional Council would support removal of trees that pose a high level of risk.
- Canterbury Regional Council requests that, should the resource consent be granted, conditions are imposed to ensure that public access to and along the lake is preserved.

Trade competitor

Canterbury Regional Council is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Hearing

Canterbury Regional Council does not wish to be heard in support of our submission.

Public availability

Canterbury Regional Council understands that all the information provided in this submission will be made publicly available.

Signature and date

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Amanda Thompson
Team leader – Plan Alignment Team

9 December 2024