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Attention: Murray Dickson
General Manager - Corporate, Commercial and Planning

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Dear Mr Dickson

MINISTER OF DEFENCE DECISION ON MDEF-1 TEKAPO MILITARY TRAINING AREA DESIGNATION

I refer to the Mackenzie District Council's recommendation on the Minister of Defence designation for the Tekapo Military Training Area (MDEF-1) to be included in the Proposed Mackenzie District Plan.

In accordance with Schedule 1 clause 13(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991, I hereby give notice that I reject, in part, the Mackenzie District Council's recommendation on MDEF-1.

The parts of the recommendation I reject, and reasons for those rejections, are shown in schedule 1 (enclosed).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judith Collins'.

Hon Judith Collins KC MP
Minister of Defence

Schedule 1: DESIGNATION MDEF-1 DECISION

The table below shows the parts of the Mackenzie District Council's recommendations on MDEF-1 (as set out in the Decisions and Recommendations Version of the proposed Mackenzie District Plan (24 July 2024)) that are rejected by the Minister of Defence, with reasons shown in footnotes.

Underlined text shows show added wording, and ~~strike through text~~ shows deleted wording.

For clarity, the revisions do not modify the Minister of Defence's 2023 Notice of Requirement confirming inclusion of the Tekapo Military Training Area designation in the proposed Mackenzie District Plan, but address errors and omissions made in the recommendation version.

MDEF – Minister of Defence

MDEF-1 Tekapo Military Training Area and Eastern and Western Training Zones¹

Designation unique identifier	MDEF-1
Designation purpose	Defence Purposes
Site identifiers	Tekapo Military Training Area, Tekapo Military Camp State Highway 8 (SH8) Pt Res 4789, Pt R5 <u>S</u> ² 33804 and R5 <u>S</u> ³ 41586, Block XVII, Jollie S <u>0</u> <u>D</u> ⁴
	Tekapo Military Training Area, Impact Area Braemar Road Res 4790 Blocks VIII, IX, XII and XIII, Jollie S <u>0</u> <u>D</u> ⁵
	Tekapo Military Training Area, Eastern Training Zone- Braemar Road Pt Secs 1 and 2 SO 18830; legal road between Pt Secs 1 and 2 SO 18830; Approximately 6 km of the bed of Hakatere / Fork Stream from the northwest corner of Pt Sec 2 SO 18830 to the southeast corner ⁶ of Res 4790 SO 8681
	Tekapo Military Training Area, Western Training Zone Braemar Road Sections 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 16 SO 302614, Sections 2, 7 and 8 SO 368071; Legal Road between Section 2 SO 302614 and Section 2 SO 368071
Lapse date	Given effect

¹ The Eastern and Western Training Zones are part of the Tekapo Military Training Area designation, and it is unnecessary to separate out particular zones in the designation title.

² Correction to revert to reference as stated in the 2023 Notice of Requirement.

³ Correction to revert to reference as stated in the 2023 Notice of Requirement.

⁴ Correction to revert to reference as stated in the 2023 Notice of Requirement.

⁵ Correction to revert to reference as stated in the 2023 Notice of Requirement.

⁶ Corrects a typographical error in the Recommendation which is not contained in the 2023 Notice of Requirement.

Designation hierarchy under section 177 of the Resource Management Act 1991	Primary
Conditions	Yes
Additional information	Legacy Reference: Designation 14 and RM120026

Conditions

Tekapo Military Training Area - Tekapo Military Camp and Impact Area:

Memoranda of Understanding between the New Zealand Defence Force and the Minister of Conservation specify conditions on military activities which occur within sites of special conservation significance.

Tekapo Military Training Area - Eastern Training Zone and Western Training Zone:

1. Activities within the designated area shall be undertaken in general accordance with the Tekapo Military Training Area Sustainable Land Management Strategy and the Range Standing Orders for the Tekapo Military Training Area.
2. Range Standing Orders shall be established to ensure that within 20 metres on either side of the streambed of Te Wai-a-Kohe / Irishman Creek:
 - (i) activity that has the potential to damage the riparian vegetation is restricted;
 - (ii) tracked vehicles are prohibited.
3. The New Zealand Defence Force shall manage and control activities on the site such that firing of weapons with a calibre greater than 40mm (and which utilise high explosive ammunition) and "battle simulation" explosions do not take place within that part of the designated training area east of a line referred to as "Easting 139300" shown on Map BY16 of the "Topo 50" Series, unless at least seven days' notice of these activities is given to residents of Glenmore Station, and Hut Holders at North End Huts, Outlet Huts, and South End Huts⁷.
4. The Sustainable Land Management Strategy for the Tekapo Military Training Area be maintained as to objectives and policies, reviewed within 12 months of the designation being provided for within the Mackenzie District Plan and thereafter reviewed every five years or as required to address new or changing issues and information.

⁷ The 2023 Notice of Requirement includes the underlined text of condition 3, however, the recommendation omits the underlined text in error.