



TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TUARUA O NGĀ TAMATĀNE O TE TIHI-O-MARU

Mackenzie District Council
06/11/2024

Re: Statement of support of the Godley Peaks Station LTD's application for a land use consent

Dear Sir/Madam,

On Behalf of the Timaru Boys' High School Management and Board of Trustees, we would like to register our support for Godley Peaks Station's application for a land use consent.

Timaru Boys' High School has been heavily involved with Godley Peaks Station for many decades. Bruce Scott, an old boy and a previous owner of the station, gave Timaru Boys' permission to convert an unused shearing shed into a lodge that could be used as a base for a range of outdoor education activities. Many teachers, students, old boys and others from the wider school community came together in the early 1980s to create John Scott Lodge. It was officially opened in 1986, when the first group of Year 9 boys went up for a week to experience the high country.

Over the last 40 years, our teachers and students have had so many positive experiences at John Scott Lodge. Obviously, the Year 9 camps allow our new students to cement relationships with their teachers and fellow classmates. Also, for many of the boys, this is their first real visit to the great outdoors. All of the boys gain first hand experience of this high country environment, which brings a greater awareness of their role as kaitiaki of our precious natural resources. John Scott Lodge is also used for peer support training, Outdoor Education and the Duke of Edinburgh programme.

The improvements that Godley Peaks are planning will allow us to utilise the building over a longer time period during the year. We hope to make greater use of the facility for other curriculum areas, such as Science, Geography, Agricultural Science and Agri-business. We also wish to develop and provide better sustainability education. Without Godley Peaks' help, we would find it impossible to afford the major weather tightness works required on the outside of the building to ensure its viability.

We wholeheartedly support Godley Peaks Station's application because of our historic connection to John Scott Lodge and the immeasurable benefits to our students and the wider school community.

Ngā mihi nui

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