

OBJECTION OR SUBMISSION



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

New Zealand Government

A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant

87559-OTH Te Anau Helicopter Services Limited

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Exclusive use of 1320m² area of land containing a helicopter hanger, Office, and helipad adjacent to Milford Aerodrome, Fiordland National Park for the purpose of operating a commercial helicopter service.

C.2 Your name

In placing your name and organisation below, you acknowledge that you are the person or authorised person submitting this objection or submission. You are also acknowledging that your name and organisation will be published.

Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Haylee Preston
Organisation	Milford Sound Tourism Limited
Date	03 June 2021

D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

- I **Support** this Application (I am making a submission)
- I am **Neutral** on this Application (I am making a submission).
- I **Oppose** this Application (I am making an objection).

E. Hearing Request

- I **Do Not** wish to be heard in support of this objection or submission at a hearing.
- I **Do** wish to be heard in support of this objection or submission at a hearing.

F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

The exclusive use of 1320m2 area of land containing a helicopter hanger, office, and helipad adjacent to Milford Aerodrome, Fiordland National Park for the purpose of operating a commercial helicopter service.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

MSTL would like to express and record our strong support for the helicopter base (which includes the hanger, office, helipad and aviation fuel supply) located within the Fiordland National Park at Milford Sound. There are many benefits of having this base at this location, one being the continued support to the commercial and wider community of Milford, by Te Anau Helicopter Services Limited.

The company provides essential flight services that support the Milford, Hollyford and wider recreational, commercial, conservation, tourism and emergency movement of community and stakeholder groups.

During the significant flood event that occurred in February 2020, the company was an important link for the transport of essential services and people to support the Milford community.

The company works closely with the community and supports the wider amenities and services to make Milford a robust and capable community given its remote and challenging operating environment.

It is essential that the company has the ability to have aircraft based in Milford securely. Given the increased hazard activity, particularly under the Alpine Fault plans for response (refer to AF8 information) this is an important and valuable part of the community resilience and response plan for both the local community and the large numbers of visitors potentially involved, that would be served by the company.

The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:

Give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought if the application is approved.

No further conditions sought.

G. Attachments

If you are using attachments to support your objection or submission clearly label each attachment, complete the table below and send in your attachments with this 'objection or submission form'.

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How do I submit my objection or submission?

Complete this form and email to DNSubmissions@doc.govt.nz. You may also mail your objection and submission to: Director-General, c/o Department of Conservation, PO Box 5244, Dunedin 9054, Attention: Lisa Wheeler.

