



## 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 1320m<sup>2</sup> 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

Tane Davis.

Organisation

Date

4/6/2021

## 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:

1 - Clearly there is a need for a Helicopter Company to be based at Milford Sound. For Emergency services, Boat Operators, Fisherman, Recreational / Commercial. Road Users / WAKA KOTAHI, Tourism Operators. Hikers / Trampers.

2 - DOC Operations for projects ie Pest eradications and Pest control. Biosecurity, Taonga Species Recovery. Supporting the great walks by having a Helicopter based at Milford, is more cost effective to Tourism, and Public, than a Helicopter charter from Te Anau. In particular at these times of COVID.

3 – Hollyford Guided walks are a necessary service for this track to function. Resupplying the track and flying the clients cannot be done unless there is a based Helicopter at Milford Sound.

4 – In general New Zealanders ie Hunters, Fishing groups, Scenic charters, Whanau groups, can capitalise on a cost effective in reach way to see Fiordland and Milford Sound.

5 – Infrastructure and Plant. Mid May of 2021 I made a concerted effort to view the site adjacent to Milford Aerodrome.

Guided by the Owner Operator of Te Anau Helicopters, in compliance with the Health and Safety guidelines as a visitor to the site. Notably the infrastructure of the site - Hanger, Office, helipad, are very well maintained, and kept to a high standard of cleanliness,

Health and Safety awareness was very evident, and practised. On the sight is a 40,000 litre fully bunded fuel tank. Fully compliant to the existing concession. An audit has been completed in recent times to account for this. Copy attached.

This being the only source of fuel available at Milford Te Anau Helicopters have a good working relationship with its neighbouring organisation users of the Milford Aerodrome, and if need be, make available a fuel service for other Aircraft.

6 – Environmental and biosecurity awareness at the site is very evident. Which portrays Te Anau Helicopters operation is committed and actively involved in sponsoring conservation projects. From the deep south of Rakiura to Milford Sound.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

The application to replace an existing concession gives good reason to support the application.

I have known and contracted Te Anau Helicopters for a number of years. Work related to Pest Control; Taonga Species transfers within the Titi Islands. Uplifting Rubbish collections from the various Titi Islands.

Transporting of Titi whanau to and from their islands during the annual Titi seasons. Donating to sponsoring setting up Trap networks on the Rakiura Titi Islands, in particular those islands adjacent to Rakiura, who experience Rat incursions.

Te Anau Helicopters, presents itself as a reputable company well-kept equipment, and responsible professional Staff, and being very safety conscientious.

This applies to all other Te Anau Helicopters, hangers, and helipads. Rakiura, Ocean Beach Bluff, Te Anau, which I have sighted.

The Owner having 15 years flying experience Rakiura / Fiordland, also knowing the significance of these areas have to Rakiura Maori, and Ngai Tahu Iwi.

Approving to replace the existing concession is critical to support Te Anau Helicopters operation, to operate within Milford Sound, also supports the Tourism Industry in particular during these times of COVID, allowing New Zealanders Katoa to view the pristine of their own Country.

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.

As the application is to replace an existing concession. I see no need to make amendments.

Nga mihi.  
Tane Davis. MNZM.

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## 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'.

Document title	Document format (e.g. Word, PDF, Excel, jpg etc.)	Description of attachment
Outcome of concession monitoring.		Approving keeping with the conditions of these concessions 50838-OTH, PAC-14-18-41.

### How do I submit my objection or submission?

Complete this form and email to [DNSubmissions@doc.govt.nz](mailto: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.

Fwd: Outcome of concession monitoring

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Te Anau Helicopter Services

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Regards,

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Olivia Brandt <obrandt@doc.govt.nz>  
**Date:** 11 May 2021 at 13:57:02 NZST  
**To:** info@teanauhelipters.com  
**Subject:** Outcome of concession monitoring

Kia ora,

On Thursday 6 May 2021, the Department undertook monitoring of Te Anau Helicopter Services' concessions **50838-OTH** (fuel tank) and **PAC-14-18-41** (helipad, office and hanger).

Our findings on the day were that Te Anau Helicopter Services is operating in keeping with the conditions of these concessions.

The lease area was kept in an overall clean and tidy condition. We noted sufficient safety signage and the presence of a spill kit also.

There were a few items to clear up in relation to the lease area, however these can be discussed with you as part of your new lease application for the site.

As there are no outstanding issues, we will not need to issue a formal letter in this instance (unless you would prefer us to issue one), so please consider this email a notification of the positive outcome of our monitoring.

Many thanks, and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions regarding this.

Noho ora mai,



**Olivia Brandt**

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