Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Permission Ref: 80053-GUI

DATE: 22 October 2019

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For the attention of: Trish Gill

Dear Trish

Re: CONCESSION APPLICATION 80053-GUI REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

The Department is currently assessing your concession application to enable public notification to occur prior to a decision being made. At this time, it has been determined that some clarification and additional information is necessary.

The information you need to supply is detailed below:

1. In your application form 3b section c. larger area – you outlined that *"a larger area is proposed at the accommodation lodge areas, where a lease area would take in all the existing structures, including the land between them."*

   Can you please provide further information to expand on why the increased lease footprint is required? For the Minister to grant a lease for areas around a structure or facility, it must be necessary:

   (i) for the purposes of safety or security of the site, structure or facility to include the extra area, or

   (ii) to include any clearly defied area(s) that are an integral part of the activity on the land.

   In responding to this, please also:

   a) Explain what, if anything, has occurred or changed within your current concession activity that now requires exclusive use over the land areas surrounding the lodge buildings and associated structures; and

   b) Outline what other options, such as a licence to occupy, have you investigated prior to lodging your application to assist with the managing the activities between the lodge buildings and associated structures at each site.

2. In your application form 4b watercraft activities – can you confirm that there are two elements of watercraft activity that are being applied for:

   a) The transporting of walkers from Sandfly Point, Milford Track to Freshwater Basin, Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. This clarification is required as activities on the water between Sandfly Point and Freshwater Basin do **not** require a concession from the Minister, as the water is not part of the National Park; and

   b) The operation of a barge on Lake Te Anau (between Te Anau Downs and Glade Wharf) for the purpose of carrying fuel, supplies, building materials, refuse material and fully contained sewerage tanks necessary for the specific purpose of servicing Tourism Milford Limited's Milford Track Guided Walk operation.

3. In your application form 4c aircraft activities – you have identified various landing locations along the Milford Track. What are the adverse effects of overflight associated with these landings and what is being proposed to avoid, remedy, or mitigate these adverse effects?

This information is required firstly to enable a clearer understanding by members of the public about what is begin proposed and secondly to enable the Department to start assessing the application in the detail required for a decision to be made.

Please note that the more detailed the information you provide to support your application through a public notification process, the more likely it is to lessen the chances of a hearing being requested.

All requested information must be provided by Friday 15 November 2019. Please provide the requested information to Lisa Wheeler, Senior Permissions Advisor at lwheeler@doc.govt.nz.

If the requested information is not provided by Friday 15 November 2019, the Department may opt to return your application pursuant to Section 17SD(4) of the Conservation Act 1987. If this occurs, you will be charged for all costs incurred processing your application to date.

If you require additional time to provide this information, please contact Lisa Wheeler immediately. If you wish to withdraw your application you may do so in writing, however you will be charged for all costs incurred until such notice is received.

Please contact Lisa via email or phone DD 0275728523 if you have any questions about this letter or the on-going application process.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Findlay
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