

Department of Conservation - Te Papa Atawhai - Permissions Advisor

Re: Concession application by Wakatipu Ski Club

I have been a member of the Wakatipu Ski Club for a number of years and have found the facility invaluable for local people with families. The facility provides an affordable place to meet for local families, and a place where children of varying ages can be together in an alpine environment. The lodge is particularly useful for families with children of a range of ages as those with less stamina have a familiar place to rest and recharge their batteries.

We have also found having the facility brings together people from across the basin who share a common passion for the outdoors and helps build an understanding and sense of ownership and responsibility for the alpine in our children.

Although NZSki have created fantastic facilities these are understandably targeted more to adult visitors, rather than small children, and are also expensive for local families on a budget.

The facility has also been a great resource for community groups outside of the ski season and has been used by the Arrowtown Scout group as a base for trips on the mountain during Autumn and Spring.

We hope you will view the application to renew the Wakatipu Ski Club lodge concession favourably.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this

Kind regards

Ralph Henderson, Lake Hayes

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