



File Ref: 87658-ACC

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Dear Lynette

Re: CONCESSION APPLICATION 87658-ACC

Thank you for your letter dated 19 October 2020, sent a week later by email, confirming that the Camp Elsdon concession application was received by your organisation on 29 June 2020.

Given the extensive delay at your end thank you for providing an indicative timeframe of how the process might proceed from this point forward. We are not sure whether we are owed an explanation or an apology for the delay, but we do know that the process will not be completed until well in to 2021 and that this is not without extra cost and increased uncertainty for Camp Elsdon.

The responses to your additional information request can be found below and in the attached documents.

1. Please confirm if any part of the lease is sub-leased to another organisation. If yes, please provide further details and a copy of this sublease.

Response: Not currently.

2. Please provide a breakdown of use of the camp
 - How much is used for youth camp activities. Are these school/church/ other groups.
 - International visitor use.
 - Private individual/family use
 - Other use

Response: Details of the last three years youth camp activity can be found in the Camps performance report for the year ended 30 June 2020 on page 6. A copy of the full report is attached.

We do not distinguish between international and domestic visitors but the majority are domestic – even pre Covid.

We have long term campers on camp sites on powered camp sites and staff houses are hired out.

3. Are there any other activities or organisations which use the grounds ?

Response: Not this year. In previous years we have hosted one or two training events for organisations such as the Coastguard where they have used the camp facilities to house course attendees and provide training. Walkers, trampers, freedom campers and bikers, sometimes visit the camp to use the toilet shower and/or clothes washing facilities.

4. A copy of the Camp Elsdon Incorporated constitution/rules document.

Response: A copy of the Camp Elsdon constitution is attached. This is scheduled to be updated once the lease renewal is confirmed

5. Please confirm if you have approached any iwi groups in relation to this application.

Response: We have called and corresponded with Ngati Toa and the local Department of Conservation office but both have yet to respond.

We trust that you find these responses of some value. Please get back to me if you have any questions about what has been provided or any further information requirements.

Yours sincerely

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