



The Department recommends that you contact the Department of Conservation Office closest to where the activity is proposed to discuss the application prior to completing the application forms. Please provide all information requested in as much detail as possible. Applicants will be advised if further information is required before this application can be processed by the Department.

This form is to be used when the proposed activity is the building or use of any private or commercial facility or structure on public conservation land managed by the Department of Conservation. Examples may include lease of land to erect an information centre; authorisation to erect a weather station; or construct or lease a private/commercial campground or lodge. This form is to be completed in conjunction with either Applicant Information Form 1a (longer term concession) or Applicant Information Form 1b (one-off concession) as appropriate.

Please complete this application form, attach Form 1a or Form 1b, and any other applicable forms and information and send to permissions@doc.govt.nz. The Department will process the application and issue a concession if it is satisfied that the application meets all the requirements for granting a concession under the Conservation Act 1987.

If you require extra space for answering please attach and label according to the relevant section.

A. Description of Activity

Please describe the proposed activity in detail – where the site is located, please use NZTM GPS coordinates where possible, what you intend to use the building for, whether you intend to make any changes to the infrastructure.

Please include the name and status of the public conservation land, the size of the area for which you are applying and why this area has been chosen.

If necessary, attach further information including a map, a detailed site plan and drawings of proposal and label Attachment 3b:A.

Mount Hutt Ski Club building, Mount Hutt Ski Area, Canterbury. NZTM 5183156N 1481840E.

MHSC is applying for a new lease of the land on which the club building and outdoor decking is located. See attached sketch plan in section 1 of Attachment 3b:A and photos in section 2 of Attachment 3b:A.

MHSC was established in 1975 by a group of keen skiing families in the Christchurch area who were seeking to find a way to open up skiing as a family friendly sport to a wider audience. MHSC was registered as an incorporated society on 13 June 1975 with registration number 220523. It was originally the Methven Ski Club, and the name changed in 1987. MHSC was registered with the Charities Commission in 2009, Registration CC39397.

Due to the often inhospitable climate up at Mount Hutt, the idea of a club hut where families could safely gather with children, store their gear, and make affordable lunches was considered to be a huge benefit. The hut itself was built in 1985 by many of the founding members themselves, using their skills to design, build and establish the building.

MHSC is a non-profit ski club run by a committee of 10 volunteers elected annually from its membership. The club has been funded by member contributions over the years. The club is located on the ski field at Mt Hutt and is essentially a day lodge facility where members can store skis, snowboards, and boots, and can utilise kitchen and lounge facilities during the day. There is space for ski and snowboard repairs and tuning. There is no overnight accommodation. It is only used in winter months when there is no skiing.

The club's water is piped from the main Mt Hutt supply to a pump inside the club and the electricity is also supplied via Mt Hutt ski field, metered, and charged to the club by Mt Hutt. There are no toilets or bathrooms in the club.

The Club provides a small space on the ground floor for Team Hutt, an alpine ski racing and training program, to securely store equipment and to carry out its winter operation from the club. Team Hutt is a non-profit trust which has as its intention the promotion of the sport of ski racing in Canterbury, New Zealand. The Club provides this space to Team Hutt at no cost.

MHSC is an incorporated society registered in 1975. There are currently 393 members. The members are typically keen skiers and snowboarders and people with families that like to come up and enjoy the snow and the mountains and they generally hold a range of roles in the Mid Canterbury and Christchurch areas.

The club building is a two-level ski club with concrete masonry and board and batten walls plus profiled steel roofing and outdoor timber deck. All set on a severely sloped isolated site with limited access. The 1985 building replaced an older original structure on the same site.

The club's objects and activities include:

- To promote and encourage skiing generally.
- To encourage winter sport meetings and events.

- To encourage walking, climbing and alpine sports in New Zealand.
- To foster a better knowledge of the mountains and to protect native flora and fauna.

These objects are consistent with the intermediate outcomes identified by DOC in its statement of intent 2016-2020 at page 8, including:

- New Zealanders and our visitors are enriched by outdoor experiences; and
- New Zealanders connect and contribute to conservation.

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B. Alternative sites considered

If your application is to **build, extend or add** to any permanent or temporary structures or facilities on public conservation land, please provide the following details:

- Could this structure or facility be reasonably located outside public conservation land? Provide details of other sites/areas considered.
- Could any potential adverse effects be significantly less (and/or different) in another conservation area or another part of the conservation area to which the application relates? Give details/reasons

N/A

C. Larger area

Is the size of the area you are applying for **larger** than the structure/facility

NO

If **yes**, please detail the size difference in the box below, and answer the following 3 questions, if **no** please go on to the next section:

Is this necessary for safety or security purposes?

N/A

Is this necessary as an integral part of the activity?

N/A

Is this essential to carrying on the activity?

N/A

If the answer to any of the above is yes, please provide details and attach supporting evidence if necessary and label Attachment 3b:C.

D. Exclusive possession

Do you believe you need **exclusive possession** of the public conservation land on which your structure/building is located, ie no one else can use the land during your use of it? **YES**

(Exclusive occupation requires a lease which requires public notification of the application)

If **yes**, please answer the following 3 questions, if no please go to the next section:

Is exclusive possession necessary to protect public safety? **YES**

Is exclusive possession necessary to protect physical security of the activity? **YES**

Is exclusive possession necessary for the competent operation of the activity? **YES**

If the answer to any of the above is yes, please provide details and attach supporting evidence if necessary and label Attachment 3b:D.

The club building occupies 100% of the leased area. Non-exclusive possession of the land on which the building is located is therefore impractical. Exclusive possession is necessary for the competent management and operation of the club, which was built by members and is maintained by members. Exclusive possession of the club is also necessary to ensure security of club members' property as skis and boots are stored overnight at the club. It is also necessary from a safety perspective so that compliance with protocols such as covid 19 can be monitored.

E. Technical Specifications (for telecommunications sites only)

Frequencies on which the equipment is to operate

Power to be used (transmitter output)

Polarisation of the signal

Type of antennae

The likely portion of a 24 hour period that transmitting will occur

Heaviest period of use

F. Term

Please detail the length of the term sought (i.e. number of years or months) and why.

Note: An application for a concession for a period over 10 years must be publicly notified, an application for a concession up to 10 years will not be publicly notified unless the adverse effects of the activity are such that it is required, or if an exclusive interest in the land is required.

30 Years.

G. Bulk fuel storage

Under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (HSNO Act) 'Bulk fuel storage' is considered to be any single container, stationary or mobile, used or unused, that has a capacity in excess of 250 litres of Class 3 fuel types. This includes petrol, diesel, aviation gasoline, kerosene and Jet A1. For more information on Hazardous Substances, go to:

<http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/information-guidance/legal-framework/hsno-act-1996>

Do you intend to store fuel in bulk on the land as part of the activity?

NO

If you have answered yes, then please provide full details of how and where you intend to store the fuel, and label any attachments including plans, maps and/or photographs as Attachment 3b:G. If your concession application is approved you will be required to provide a copy of your HSNO compliance certification to the Department before you begin the activity.

H. Environmental Impact Assessment

This section is one of the most important factors that will determine the Department's decision on the application. Please answer in detail.

In column 1 please list all the locations of your proposal, please use NZTM GPS coordinates where possible. In column 2 list any special features of the environment or the recreation values of that area. Then in column 3 list any effects (positive or adverse) that your activity may have on the values or features in column 2. In column 4 list the ways you intend to mitigate, remedy or avoid any adverse effects noted in column 3. Please add extra information or supporting evidence as necessary and label Attachment 3b:H.

Refer to Steps 1 and 2 in your Guide to Environmental Impact Assessment to help you fill in this section.

Location on public conservation land	Special feature or value	Potential effects of your activity on the feature or value (positive or adverse)	Methods to remedy, mitigate or avoid any adverse effects identified
<i>EG: Tararua Forest Park</i>	<i>Northern rata - threatened species</i>	<i>Damage to the plants by construction</i>	<i>Brief construction and maintenance staff of the location and importance of the species; clearly tape off areas with the species to avoid damage</i>
Mt Hutt Ski Area, base area.	Ski area recreational values relating to the Mt Hutt Ski Area.	Positive: Mount Hutt Ski Club has a positive effect on these values because it provides a day lodge facility which provides immediate access to the ski field located within in the DOC estate. It is also ideal for families with young children. The club's facilities help enable children to access and enjoy the mountain environment, and outdoor winter sports, from a young age.	The ski club has strict rules regarding recycling and disposal of rubbish. Rubbish is disposed of through the Mt Hutt waste management system, as art of a daily duty which members must volunteer to do during the season. Recycling also occurs through the Mt Hutt recycling program, in the same way.

The club has also subsidised the entry fee of young members (children) to enter one ski race held at Mt Hutt per season, which assists to promote access to the outdoors and participation in winter sports that take place within the conservation estate in New Zealand.

The club has also subsidised the cost of attendance by younger members (older teenagers/young adults) on Avalanche Awareness courses run by local qualified mountain guides, which promotes safety in the outdoors, and safe access to New Zealand's mountain environment.

Club members regularly volunteer many hours to organise and run ski race events at Mt Hutt, which attract visitors from around New Zealand. Aprox. 6 to 8 events per season including Junior Interfield events, National series, Masters

racing, school and other races. These events are very well attended and supported with prizes and medals etc, and the focus is on participation and enjoyment, especially at junior levels. These ski racing events encourage access to the conservation estate by people of all ages and enable participants to experience New Zealand's Mountain environment whilst engaging in physical exercise and the enjoyment of sport. The club's facilities are often used as a base for volunteers who are assisting with these events. Without the Mount Hutt Ski Club and its members these events would not be able to run, certainly not as effectively.

The application is for a lease of land on which the building currently occupies, which is within the car park and ski area at Mt Hutt. There is no application for an extension of the current area and

		therefore no intrusion into a new area in the conservation estate.	
		MHSC is part of the history of mountain sports in Canterbury and New Zealand.	

I. Other

Is there any further information you wish to supply in support of your application? Please attach if necessary and label Attachment 3a:I.

See attached photos.

MHSC wish to apply for a processing fee waiver and a waiver of any ongoing concession fees. The club is a non-commercial activity and operates as a day facility for use by its members (there is no food or beverage sold at the club). It is run by members for members. The club's revenue comes from annual membership fees and the club faces relatively significant ongoing building maintenance costs and insurance considering its isolated location. Revenues meet costs and the small surplus is applied usually to maintenance.

The club contributes significantly to the public interest in the conservation area in which Mt Hutt ski area is located by promoting and enabling access to the outdoors and the mountain environment by people of all ages and participation in the sport of skiing and snowboarding. This occurs in numerous ways including through subsidising one free event (ski race or freestyle comp ticket entry) per child per season; subsidising the cost of an avalanche awareness course for older children/teenagers; and through members volunteering many hours at winter sport events at Mt Hutt.

The club's activities are consistent with DOC's intermediate outcomes sought, as set out in the Statement of Intent, including:

- Enriching outdoor experiences; and
- Connecting and contributing to conservation.