



## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 151**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

## C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Cole Garrett
Organisation	NA
Date	07/02/24

## 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).
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## E. Hearing Request

- I **Do Not** wish to be heard in support of this objection or submission at a hearing.
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## F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

NA

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

NA

The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Tanaya Shangarpawar
Organisation	
Date	7/2/24

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## F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

All parts. I **support** the granting of concessions to Pure Turoa Ltd.

My reasons for my submission are:

I **support** the granting of concessions to Pure Turoa Ltd because:

- We have strong personal and family connections to the mountains of Tongariro National Park going back to 1999, and we enjoy skiing/snowboarding, and my family have life passes. We spend all our winter holidays skiing and have since I was 5 years old.
- As noted on p35 of the Tongariro National Park Management Plan (2006) Mt Ruapehu is 'nationally important' for skiing as it is the only place in the North Island where lift-serviced alpine snowsports can be provided
- Granting the concession would **foster recreation** and therefore be consistent with section 6(e) of the Conservation Act, which states:  
*"to the extent that the use of any natural or historic resource for recreation or tourism is not inconsistent with its conservation, to foster the use of natural and historic resources for recreation, and to allow their use for tourism."*
- While there are reasons to consider delaying the granting of concessions until after Te Tiriti o Waitangi claims have been settled, I believe that the applicant's growing relationship with Ngāti Rangī and others, combined with the relatively short term sought (compared with the current RAL concession's 60 years) and the proposal to eventually remove and replace the Ngā Wai Heke, Park Lane, Wintergarden and Giant lifts with one gondola or high capacity chair with a mid-station, plus the fact that the infrastructure will be damaged by ice if not operated each winter, mean granting the concession now and then working with iwi collaboratively is the best approach.

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.

I submit that the Department of Conservation:

1. **Grant the concessions** sought by Pure Turoa Ltd to operate Turoa Ski Area
2. Consider how the term of the concession can be extended to provide sufficient time for payback of the capital investment required to remove and replace some of the lifts as shown in the indicative development plan, while also respecting and providing for collaboration with Ngāti Rangī and any other relevant iwi so that the outcomes of their treaty settlement can be recognised and provided for by the applicant and DOC when the time comes.
3. Note that climate change will potentially render commercial ski areas on Mt Ruapehu economically unviable at some point during this century if the 2,300m elevation remains the upper limit for development, so allowing lift development in the 1,900m – 2,300m zone within the current ski area boundary may be desirable to ensure that popular and rewarding lift-serviced alpine snow sports can continue on the maunga for as long as possible.

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Mallory Brown
Organisation	
Date	07/02/2024

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Overall supportive of the application

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Supportive of PTL's application as it will help protect snow sports in the central north island and will allow for further growth and opportunities in the surrounding region.

The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:

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Organisation

Date

07/02/2024

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## F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

Lack of sufficient disclosure of important information. Making it impossible to know whether the applicants are sound or not. Proposed reduction in lifts. Short term of the concession applied for. Privatisation prior to negotiation (let alone settlement) of TNP treaty claim(s)

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I have always admired the fundamental wording of the National Parks Act.

To preserve and protect in perpetuity. To provide for the benefit, use and enjoyment of the parks by the people.

I hold those values dear. I come at this fully aware what went wrong with RAL, I hope those deciding on this application are aware? Happy to discuss! I do not believe a rush to privatise is the answer, nor do I see it furthering the two fundamental principles above.

Events since the Administrators were called in have resulted in The Crown owning RAL. The Crown is of course the taxpayer, you and me. We now own RAL's assets. We own the concessions. Any attempt to say 'oh that's MBIE, we are DOC" simply fails to understand the fundamental fact that they are one and the same.

I am aware of the feedback from the wider ski community and that feedback stated a clear preference for;  
Retaining both ski areas under one umbrella

Retaining not-for-profit

Retaining community ownership/accountability

Long-term planning to ensure the intergenerational legacy handed down to us by the RAL founders be handed on to our tupuna for them to thrive in the amazing gift.

The corporate solution, as proposed goes in exactly the opposite direction.

The proposals in regards to removal of lifts I see as showing a fundamental lack of understanding of good ski area design. The existing lifts were negotiated and agreed to. They should remain. The removal of lifts to concentrate riders into a narrower set of terrain features is detrimental to benefit, use and enjoyment of the park. Worse still it puts riders of different abilities on the same slopes. This is classically bad ski area design. Putting fast riders on the same slopes as slow riders ruins the experience for all and creates real and ongoing safety issues. Further, it risks crossing the boundary of what is known as Slope Capacity. This is a threshold one must NOT cross. That is more people on a slope than that slope can handle. Once that line is crossed there is no coming back. Just like a traffic jam on the motorway, everything grinds to a crawl/halt.

Turning Turoa into a two-lift-wonder is a disaster in the making. Try removing lanes off the motorway...what could possibly go wrong?

I might add that building a new lift to replace the lower lifts actually makes this situation potentially worse!

All this has the real potential to make Turoa far less enjoyable for pretty much everyone.

This is a negative for Ohakune and Raetihi It is also a negative for Whakapapa as the disgruntled Turoa skiers then congest Whakapapa.

RAL went bust from a combination of poor governance, poor management and a corporate mentality on the board that took it away from a successful low-debt conservative stewardship to a high-debt high-risk model.

The application as is available for the public, contains none of the information required to be able to make any judgement on their ski area expertise, financial prowess etc.

I cannot support that proposal and that leaves me no choice but to oppose. Our precious maunga deserves no less!



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.

Reject any privatisation/ sale of RAL ski area assets. The crown to retain the existing concessions. Crown to engage in good faith with iwi and the wider community to run the ski areas to best industry practice, to allow the time and safe working relationship for TNP claims to be settled. Then, and only then, a proper solution can be concluded. That might indeed be privatisation. I ask the Minister to not play fast and loose with Crown Iwi relations to the short-term benefit of a few individuals and a diminished ski area. We all deserve better.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 155**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	TRISH OOSTERBAAN
Organisation	RANGATIRA ALPINE SPORTS CLUB INC.
Date	7 FEBRUARY 2024

## 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

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- 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:

SPLITTING UP OF THE 2 RAL OPERATED SKI FIELDS

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

We are an alpine club which has lodges supporting both Whakapapa and Turoa ski fields. If the 2 fields have different operators with separate passes our members will not be able to afford to buy Life/Seasonal/ Multi Day passes for BOTH. Members will need to decide. There are many clubs who have lodges on both sides. If there is a separation of the fields it will be detrimental to Turoa and the township of Ohakune if the ski club members no longer to choose the Turoa ski field.

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.

Rangatira Alpine Sports Club would like to continue to support the local community of Ohakune and therefore do not want this concession, which will split the 2 major ski fields on Mt Ruapehu separated, to go ahead.

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

## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 156

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	TRISH OOSTERBAAN
Organisation	LIFE PASS HOLDER
Date	7 FEBRUARY 2024

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The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

SPLITTING UP OF THE 2 RAL OPERATED SKI FIELDS

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I am totally against the splitting of the 2 major ski fields on Mt Ruapehu. We are a skiing family of Grandparents, Parents and children. We have family in Auckland and Ohakune. This splitting up of RAL is causing great concern to our family members as with different passes for the season i.e. Life Passes/Season Passes/Multi Day Passes it will be very difficult to support both ski fields. Our family members will have to choose 1 field.

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.

I would like to continue to support the local community of Ohakune and therefore do not want this concession, which will split the 2 major ski fields on Mt Ruapehu separated, to go ahead.

LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE, LISTEN TO THE IWI

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 157

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	TRENT FRASER
Organisation	
Date	7 <sup>TH</sup> FEB 2024

## D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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## F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

All parts. I support the granting of concessions to Pure Turoa Ltd.

My reasons for my submission are:

I support the granting of concessions to Pure Turoa Ltd because:

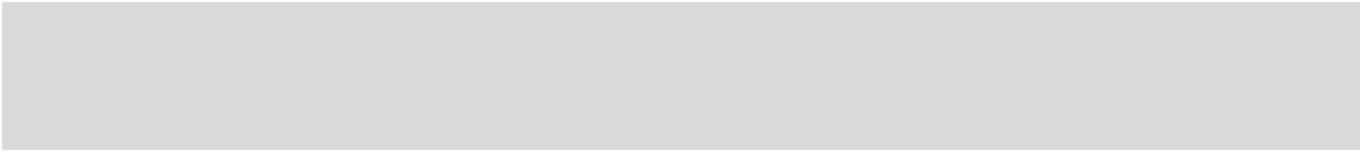
- Sec 9(2)(a) [redacted] I enjoy skiing/snowboarding, mountain biking, hiking and mountaineering as forms of recreation together with our family and many of our friends. Sec 9(2)(a) [redacted] We have been season pass holders up to 2005 and life pass holders since 2006. Sec 9(2)(a) [redacted] Sec 9(2)(a) [redacted]
- As noted on p35 of the Tongariro National Park Management Plan (2006). Mt Ruapehu is 'nationally important' for skiing as it is the only place in the North Island where lift-serviced alpine snowsports can be provided (notwithstanding a small club field at Taranaki). Given the failure of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts, it is important to ensure that another entity takes over immediately. Snow sports account for about half of all TNP visitors according to the Tongariro National Park Management Plan (2006).
- The proposal is within the amenity area of Turoa Ski Area identified in the Tongariro National Park Management Plan (2006) and is generally consistent with the Tongariro National Park Management Plan (2006). objectives.
- Granting the concession would **foster recreation** and therefore be consistent with section 6(e) of the Conservation Act, which states:  
*"to the extent that the use of any natural or historic resource for recreation or tourism is not inconsistent with its conservation, to foster the use of natural and historic resources for recreation, and to allow their use for tourism."*
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I submit that the Department of Conservation:

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Chris Smith
Organisation	Retired Airline Pilot
Date	07/0/2024

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My reasons for my ~~objection~~ or submission are:

This is essential for the Central Plateau and the experience our young children get from the outdoors along with the camaradie within clubs and school groups exposing students to the snow which without the ski field they may never get.

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Sharee Aitken
Organisation	
Date	3 February 2024

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I am **Neutral** on this Application (I am making a submission).

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## **F. Objection or submission**

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1. Environmental
2. Tourism Impact
3. Financial Impact

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

### 1.Environment

From what I understand the Pure Turoa Ltd management team are a group of dedicated, experienced, business professionals seeking a positive outcome for the mountain as a much-loved NZ destination for domestic and international visitors. Throughout the process leading up to their DoC Concession Application I consider their application to be aligned with my environmental values for the region. Pure Turoa Ltd's stated values demonstrate that they aim to improve the environmental performance of past ski operations on the mountain. They have a good governance process in place and relationships built with Kanoa and iwi, and management team members being Ngāti Rangī or Uenuku descent.

### 2. Tourism Impact

Having frequented Turoa for many years throughout my life, I have a general understanding of the environmental challenges and opportunities important to the Ruapehu region, I strongly support Pure Turoa Ltd's Tūroa ski area concession application. I believe they have a very considered approach and understanding of what is required to maintain and improve what is a significant destination for activity in the North Island and the ability to be a positive stakeholder for future visitors to the area.

### 3..Financial Impact

I believe it's completely uneconomic to remove the structural elements of the ski field in its entirety (one of the alternative options if concession is not granted?) when there is the opportunity right now for it to continue to be utilised for future generations. If a high caliber, invested group such as Pure Turoa isn't given the opportunity to sustain the beauty and operation of Turoa and maintain & exceed visitor's enjoyment, what position will the community be in? My guess is, likely worse off as there will be a significant financial impact on the surrounding local communities, with serious reduced spending in the region due to the local economies reliance on the snow sports industry.

The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:

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Short term nature of the concession applied for.  
Proposed reduction in number of users on the field, seems counter intuitive to a viable business plan.  
Proposed reduction in lifts, seems counter intuitive to a viable business plan  
Lack of sufficient disclosure of financials to support this concession or for interested parties to appraise the venture.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

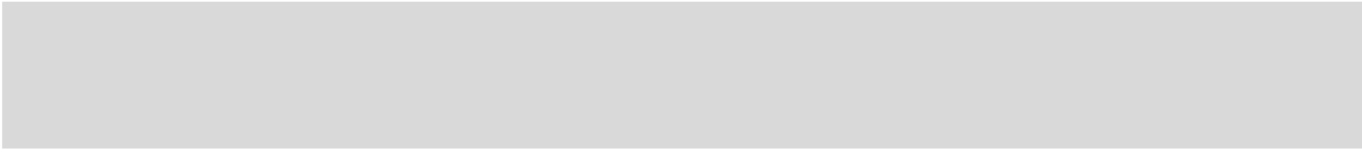
Privatisation of a single field on Mt Ruapehu is disadvantageous for the majority of mountain users owing to the changeable nature of the weather and conditions that prevail on Mt Ruapehu.  
The costs to be able to realistically frequent the mountain should the ownership be split and privatised will likely price out the majority of current users, many of whom have to pre plan and book accommodation to participate in winter activities on the mountain.  
Losing the not for profit ownership is in my opinion detrimental to all users and does a disservice to all those who have personally contributed to the existing infrastructure on both ski fields in order to retain an affordable and practical destination to ski in the North Island.  
Only applying for a 10 year concession is a very concerning red flag regarding the intentions of any new private owner. Mountain infrastructure is expensive to acquire and expensive to maintain. What private owner would risk losing the return on this investment with the expiration of their concession to operate in such a short timeframe?  
Only seeking to operate for 10 years to my mind signals an intention to asset strip and close the field, rather than point to any meaningful capital investment to improve the infrastructure. We have seen no other financials to support otherwise.  
Iwi have expressed a preference for retaining both ski fields under one umbrella and retaining the not for profit status. I support this mindset rather than a for profit firesale of only one field, leaving the other field with an uncertain future and all users of the mountain disadvantaged when compared with the current operating model.

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.

Reject the application for a ten concession. This is a ridiculously short time frame for the nature of the business under consideration.  
Reject the application for the detrimental effect that it will have on Mt Ruapehu and the surrounding community, along with all of the current investors and users of the two ski fields. Privatising a single field, with no viable solution for the other, to a business who seeks to be gone with in ten years is in short, a disgraceful proposition.





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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 161**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

## C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Ethan Peipi
Organisation	
Date	07/02/24

## 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:

All parts. I **support** the granting of concessions to Pure Turoa Ltd.

My reasons for my submission are:

I **support** the granting of concessions to Pure Turoa Ltd because:

- We have strong personal and family connections to the mountains of Tongariro National Park going back to 1986, and we enjoy skiing/snowboarding, tramping and mountaineering as forms of recreation together with our family and many of our friends. We are regular and respectful visitors to TNP and being there is one of our favourite things to do.
- As noted on p35 of the Tongariro National Park Management Plan (2006) Mt Ruapehu is 'nationally important' for skiing as it is the only place in the North Island where lift-serviced alpine snowsports can be provided (notwithstanding a small club field at Taranaki). Given the failure of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts, it is important to ensure that another entity takes over immediately. Snow sports account for about half of all TNP visitors according to the TNPMP.
- The proposal is within the amenity area of Turoa Ski Area identified in the TNPMP and is generally consistent with the TNPMP's objectives.
- Granting the concession would **foster recreation** and therefore be consistent with section 6(e) of the Conservation Act, which states:  
*"to the extent that the use of any natural or historic resource for recreation or tourism is not inconsistent with its conservation, to foster the use of natural and historic resources for recreation, and to allow their use for tourism."*
- While there are reasons to consider delaying the granting of concessions until after Te Tiriti o Waitangi claims have been settled, I believe that the applicant's growing relationship with Ngāti Rangī and others, combined with the relatively short term sought (compared with the current RAL concession's 60 years) and the proposal to eventually remove and replace the Ngā Wai Heke, Park Lane, Wintergarden and Giant lifts with one gondola or high capacity chair with a mid-station, plus the fact that the infrastructure will be damaged by ice if not operated each winter, mean granting the concession now and then working with iwi collaboratively is the best approach.

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I submit that the Department of Conservation:

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3. Note that climate change will potentially render commercial ski areas on Mt Ruapehu economically unviable at some point during this century if the 2,300m elevation remains the upper limit for development, so allowing lift development in the 1,900m – 2,300m zone within the current ski area boundary may be desirable to ensure that popular and rewarding lift-serviced alpine snow sports can continue on the maunga for as long as possible.

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Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Ella Jones
Organisation	
Date	07/02/24

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Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Jed Taylor
Organisation	
Date	07/02/2024

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## F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

Lack of transparency with non disclosure of important redacted information  
Short term of concession application  
Removal and limiting of lifts  
Privatisation of a kiwi family dream  
Splitting of a community asset two private umbrellas

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I do not believe that rushing into a split, privatisation of the ski areas we all and our generations, before and in the future will have long term sustainability for our beloved fun and adventures in the National Park.

The general feedback from the ski community in my eyes, favours to the continuation of a not for profit, community owned asset, operating under one umbrella. This being achieved assures future operation and development that assures the ski community be accessible to all, with the wider local community and business best interests at the forefront.

Snow sports are busy at times and slope capacity are just as important as uphill traffic. It makes no sense to 'redesign' Turoa with amazing uphill capacity yet to have a multitude of choke points on the way down leading to a dangerous and unenjoyable experience. If Turoa becomes known for this, despite all Pure Turoas promises, this will not have a positive effect on Ohakune/Raetehi economy and will likely congest Whakapapa further.

RAL successfully rose out of poor snow seasons and eruptions with a low debt, conservative model. The high debt model is what sunk RAL in recent times. With all the flash promises from PTL yet only a 10 year concession applied for, this is just that, high risk, with limited transparency...something smells fishy.

It is my understanding they have bolted without proper consultation and Iwi approval in a significantly cultural and special place, this is not on.

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.

Reject sudden privatisation of the ski fields. Existing concessions remain with the Crown for continued operation with the wider community and Iwi until a more settled, non rushed decision can be made for the future of the ski field operation. This might be privatisation but much more consultation with all should be made before dismantled ski fields are sold for short benefit of some. It must be for all.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 164**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Ben Quane
Organisation	Ski Industries Ltd
Date	7/2/24

## 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.
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## F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I support the Application as I believe this is the only viable option to ensure the Ski Are remains operating. Turoa Ski Area is a vital part of the local economy.

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.

Nil

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 165

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

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Organisation

Date

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## F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

- Short length of the concession (10 years) reducing the payback period of any for-profit investment return horizons
- Existing concession already being in place with a non-profit operator being more compatible with public access to a National Park environment.
- Removal of key lifts (Nga Wai Heke chair, Giant Chair and the Wintergarden Platter)
- Reduced skier capacity from 5,500 to 4,500
- Lack of transparency around PLT's Governance and Management Team, and redactions of key financial disclosures
- Letter written by various iwi to The Crown stating that any sale of RAL assets is prejudicial to their Tongariro National Park Treaty negotiations.
- Compressed negotiation and consultation period – past concession negotiations took around four years
- Failure to address a solution to Whakapapa's part in the liquidation and receivership of RAL

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Considerations include (but are not limited to):

- The length of concession being sought is 10 years. Will this length of concession allow for any operator to make any significant and serious investment into the skifields?
- There are already 60-year concessions in place for Tūroa, held by RAL, therefore there is no need to issue new concessions. RAL has operated the Tūroa skifields for over 20 years, significantly longer than any of the three preceding private operators. The RAL Creditors Committee has publicly stated that they wish to pursue a creditors compromise. This would mean the Crown would substantially write off all of its debt so that RAL, the existing public benefit company that has operated for 70 years, is no longer insolvent. This solution retains the Nga Wai Heke Chair, Giant Chair, and Wintergarden Platter for the public enjoyment. Note: 71% of Creditors voted for the RSSA DOCA to restructure the existing public benefit company at the watershed meeting in June 2023.
- Removal of key lifts – Nga Wai Heke chair, Giant Chair, and the Wintergarden Platter is of concern in terms of:
  - o Additional environment damage created by removing the structures (arguably most environment damage is done at the time of construction).
  - o Reducing ski uphill capacity and concentrating users onto reduced lift-accessed terrain.
  - o Reduced public enjoyment due to limiting the skiable terrain.
  - o Health and safety concerns should the ski slope capacity be exceeded, dangerously disrupting skier flow (skier traffic congestion/bottle necks due to all skiers being uploaded and offload to limited number of offload and upload points). Slope capacity is an essential component of a properly planned and functioning ski area. To put too many users onto limited terrain is dangerous.
- The concession proposes reducing skier capacity from 5,500 to 4,500. This impacts on the public's right to access and enjoy the national park. Reduced capacity may lead to increased lift pass prices, which makes accessing the Tūroa Skifield less affordable and accessible to everyday Kiwis. This is a direct conflict of the right to the benefit, use, and enjoyment of the public.
- Transparency issues around the PTL Governance and Management Team, and financials being redacted from the concession application. Without full disclosure of vital information, the public cannot form an opinion on PTL's (or any other applicant's) capability in terms of skills, knowledge, and financial strength to operate the Tūroa Skifield for the duration of the concession period being sought.
- RSSA exists to advocate the perspective and viewpoints of all stakeholders. Various iwi have written letters to The Crown stating that any sale of RAL assets is prejudicial to their Tongariro National Park (TNP) Treaty negotiations and have threatened legal action if the sales process continues <https://newsroom.co.nz/2023/09/11/ruapehu-fields-not-commercially-viable-iwi-says/>. RSSA notes that iwi need to be appropriately consulted on any concession application and wholly support iwi concerns that this sale/lease process will be prejudicial to the iwi TNP Treaty negotiations. A Treaty breach will likely lead to further legal proceedings, creating further delays and uncertainty. We note that the last attempt MBIE made at getting concessions was unsuccessful and disrespected iwi, leading to a Ministerial apology for a flawed process. Read here: <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/ruapehu-skifields-qovt-ministers-apologise-for-iwi-flawed-engagement/TA23QCTRIFBPTM7LQ24CRN3NCE/>

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.

- The length of the concession
- Removal of lifts
- Reduction of skier capacity

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 166

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Jason Timmins
Organisation	
Date	7 February 2024

## D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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- I am **Neutral** on this Application (I am making a submission).
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## F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

2.5 Planned upgrade and replacements

2.4 Licence Term

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

The proposed concession application argues that the best way to keep the Turoa ski field viable and meet cultural and environmental goals is to reduce and upgrade the lifts. I support this proposal if it means the operator can keep Turoa operating as a skifield and keep the lifts open more often than the current lift setup. However, there are some downsides that should be considered as part of the concession application.

### 2.5 Planned upgrade and replacements

The proposed lift removal will reduce the skiing options if the High noon cannot open (eg, bad visibility). Just relying on the Movenpick lift may create congestion on the lower mountain. There are two main runs from the top of the Movenpick into a single run (Clarry's track) at the bottom. Home run is also an option, but often not open due to lack of snow at the bottom of the run.

### 2.4 Licence Term

It is important to ensure the operator keeps up with its investment programme to maintain the assets on the mountain. If the operator cannot get funding for their investment programme, there is a risk with a short-term concession, that the operator could be incentivised to maximise profits by running down the assets and walking away at the end of 10 years. This would leave assets that may not be attractive to a new operator taking over the skifield.

The decision to grant a concession, with the associated investment programme, will have a long-term and irreversible impact on the future of skiing and boarding at Turoa. Care must be taken to ensure the best decision is made for the skiers and boarders and the nearby communities, who depend on the ski field.

The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:

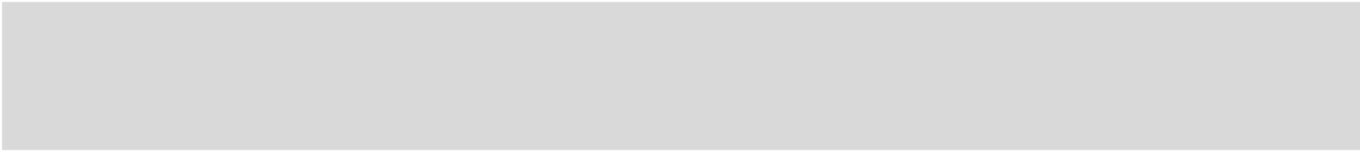
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### 2.5 Planned upgrade and replacements

It would be good if the concession can allow the operator to explore options for putting in additional runs from the top of the Movenpick to reduce congestion in the middle of the field.

### 2.4 Licence Term

Provide safeguards to ensure the operator maintains the assets on the mountain over the 10 year concession period so they are of value to future ski field operators.



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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 167**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	David Jensen
Organisation	
Date	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

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- I am **Neutral** on this Application (I am making a submission).
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## F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

The separation and sale of Turoa from the combined RAL ski fields.  
The lack of a concurrent plan for the Whakapapa ski field once Turoa has been removed.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

The “fire-sale” approach to selling only half of the RAL business without due regard to the future prospects of the remaining assets.  
The loss of the synergies of operating both ski fields under common ownership thereby putting the future of both businesses at risk.  
The lack of engagement with stakeholders, whether that be local communities, Iwi, or life pass holders.

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.

Firstly, the sale process should be terminated.  
The current creditors given the opportunity to re-capitalise the business (which has been offered as an outcome). And by “opportunity” I mean a fair and reasonable opportunity which has been lacking to date.  
The aim should be to continue with both ski-fields run together for the long term benefit of all parties and for the long term survival of the two major communities – Waimarino (National Park) and Ohakune.

I am a Life Pass holder and have invested in the ski field as well as Waimarino. I did this (and would continue to do this) if we continue to have access to both ski-fields (on the same terms). To be forced to “choose” would result in our family choosing to ski in the MacKenzie Basin and Canada.  
That would be a loss to the district.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 168

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

## C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised  
on behalf of submitter

Organisation

Date

## 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:

The entire submission is objected to.

RAL should have been more supported by Government / MBIE upfront, with more expertise / direction and less strings that manipulate towards a private ownership model, especially as the covid shutdowns were a major contributor to the current RAL position.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

- 1) Lack of proper and genuine consultation with IWI and the wider ski community
- 2) The whole premise that a private, for profit entity, should and could financially survive while continuing to benefit the wider community is unproven and unlikely to last
- 3) there is not enough information to see that the venture will be longer term financially viable
- 4) the 10 year concession is significantly short of that required to ensure financial viability
- 5) the removal of lifts will be detrimental to the overall ski experience
- 6) there is a very real likelihood that skiing at Turoa will become for the wealthy only
- 7) there is a very real likelihood that the local IWI and community will benefit less under a private ownership model

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.

Reject any privatisation/ sale of RAL ski area assets.

The crown to retain the existing concessions.

Crown to engage in good faith with iwi and the wider community to run the ski areas to best industry practice, to allow the time and safe working relationship for TNP claims to be settled. Then, and only then, a proper solution can be concluded.

That might indeed be privatisation.

I ask the Minister to not play fast and loose with Crown Iwi relations to the short term benefit of a few individuals and a diminished ski area. We all deserve better.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 169**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Tom Harrison
Organisation	
Date	07/02/2024

## 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:

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

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.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 170

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

## C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Michael Ward
Organisation	Individual submission
Date	7 Feb 2024

## 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:

- Objection to it being sold to private companies with all debts forgiven as per the agreement that is currently on the table for Pure Turoa
- Object to the notion that any current failings are purely the fault of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts in total and cannot be resolved with new governance, instead of complete change in ownership

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

- I feel that any operating organisation would have faced a similar situation of insolvency following difficult COVID years. The information provided suggests a financial burden exacerbated by external factors, such as the borrowing for the Sky Waka being unable to be serviced due to two consecutive years of Covid and a subsequent bad snow season. This perfect storm scenario leads me to believe any organisation would have faced the same situation currently at hand.
- The construction of the gondola as a means to future-proof the facilities is commendable, especially considering its year-round usability. Decisions by Ruapehu Alpine Lifts have been good decisions for the last 70-odd years and proposing it is passed to private companies is extremely troubling.
- Furthermore, the proposal lacks transparency in terms of debt forgiveness and the use of existing facilities by private concerns. It is essential for the community to understand the terms and conditions under which such arrangements are made to ensure fairness and accountability.
- If there is an opinion that Whakapapa was poorly run, appointing an individual in retirement may not align with the need for dynamic and forward-thinking leadership. While <sup>Sec 9(2)(a)</sup> is very experienced, what is his motive for advocating private shareholder ownership instead of looking at new leadership of RAL.
- My perspective comes from visiting Whakapapa since 1967 as a member of the Tauranga Ski Club – I am a life member and currently the Patron of the Tauranga Ski Club (however I submit this as an individual – not representing the Tauranga Ski Club). We participate in the annual clean up off-season when the snow melts with DoC and Iwi as guardians of the park. My fears are private shareholders will have a totally different agenda to what R.AL has re the allocation of income from the ski fields and mountain operation – and instead of going back to upkeep and future of the national park, it will go to the pockets of dividend holders.

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.

I want the Pure Turoa application and private entities applying for the concessions and operations of both sides of the mountain to be declined in total.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 171**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

## C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter

Todd couper

Organisation

Date

## 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:

I'm in support of the application.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Turoa skiing is vital part of Ohakune township and community, and the greater north island skiing community. It generates so many jobs. Inspires confidence and love of the outdoors.

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.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 172**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

## C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Michaela Bradnam
Organisation	NA
Date	7/2/24

## 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:

The granting of the concession of Pure Turoa

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

- To be able to continue ski and snowboarding activities on Mt Ruapehu
- To Support a company which will continue to run Turoa Ski field – providing a significant economic impact in the Ruapehu region
- Supporting a company which will provide hundreds of jobs to the local people of the Ruapehu region
- Supporting a company which has significant knowledge and expertise in running Turoa ski field
- To support a company which has great understanding of the significance of the Maunga to local iwi
- Supporting a company who genuinely care about the environment

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.

I agree entirely with their current submission

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



## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 173

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Ben Darlow
Organisation	
Date	7 February 2023

## 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:

I support the application to grant a concession to Pure Tūroa Limited to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mt Ruapehu.

I strongly support splitting the operations of Tūroa and Whakapapa.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

The previous not for profit entity ran Tūroa ski field very poorly. It did not appropriately maintain ski field assets and it did not focus on optimising the customer experience. Pure Tūroa Limited (a private commercial entity) will have a direct financial incentive to both effectively maintain Tūroa's assets and to ensure an optimal visitor experience.

There were a number of negative consequences that arose from Tūroa and Whakapapa ski fields being run by the same entity. These included: limited input into Tūroa ski field operations from the local community and businesses; a lack of focus on and investment in the Tūroa ski field because the operator was distracted by the larger Whakapapa ski field; Tūroa facilities being overwhelmed with large numbers of skiers on days when the weather was good at Tūroa and poor at Whakapapa (given season and life passes could be used at either side); and a lack of healthy competition between the two ski fields. Granting a concession Pure Tūroa Limited will restore the settings under which Tūroa originally operated prior to acquisition by Ruapehu Alpine Lifts.

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.

I seek no conditions or amendments.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 174

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Charlotte Earle
Organisation	
Date	07/02/2024

## 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:

All parts, I believe Pure Turoa are well suited to the role and I support everything in their application.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I have a keen interest Sec 9(2)(a) and believe Pure Turoa to be a good option.

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.

No amending, no conditions. I believe Pure Turoa are the best for the job.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 175

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Jenna Unka
Organisation	
Date	7.2.24

## D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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- 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:

Operation of ski field on Turoa

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I support PTL application as I believe this is the only way forward for not only the township of Ohakune and its businesses (including my own), but also for mountain operations for those who enjoy snow sports and to maintain the mountain and its environment.

PTL submission which aims to limit the environmental impact on the mountain is a great idea and should make many stakeholders happy. Their commitment to remove old infrastructure and introduce "green" alternatives whilst also introducing better snow making tech should help to protect the mountain as well as preserve the future of operations for all.

If you do not grant this concession and allow them to see through their plans I believe you will be doing a deservice to not only leisure sport enthusiasts, businesses but most importantly Ohakune locals which have great pride in our mighty maunga. Please give the town some assurance as soon as possible.

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.

N/A

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 176

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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## C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Rama Unka
Organisation	
Date	7.2.24

## 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:

Operation of ski field on Turoa

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I support PTL application as I believe this is the only way forward for not only the township of Ohakune and its businesses (including my own), but also for mountain operations for those who enjoy snow sports and to maintain the mountain and its environment.

PTL submission which aims to limit the environmental impact on the mountain is a great idea and should make many stakeholders happy. Their commitment to remove old infrastructure and introduce "green" alternatives whilst also introducing better snow making tech should help to protect the mountain as well as preserve the future of operations for all.

If you do not grant this concession and allow them to see through their plans I believe you will be doing a deservice to not only leisure sport enthusiasts, businesses but most importantly Ohakune locals which have great pride in our mighty maunga. Please give the town some assurance as soon as possible.

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.

N/A

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 177

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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## C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter

Mitchell Beatson

Organisation

Date

07/02/2024

## 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

Permissions Application Number 109883-SKI

## F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

The application as a whole

My reasons for my objection or submission are:



Pure Turoa has been built up by people who seem to care about our mountain and the community around it. Reading through the application it is clear that they have put a lot of time and effort into research and planning to ensure the protection of the environment. Including a long term plan to remove a large amount of the lift clutter.

Continued delay will only result in more costs, uncertainty and increased likelihood that buyers pull out. A large amount of business for Ohakune comes in the winter with snow sports on the mountain being a huge part of the community. Motivated locals with the means to take on ownership and management of their communities future is exactly who I believe to be the best candidates

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.

Is expanding the Alpine Meadow further down a good idea? All indicators say that the average temperature is going to continue to rise. With a receding snowline and shorter winters I would like to see a reexamination of this specific part of the plan before purchase and work on that infrastructure(the Meadow) begins

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 178

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Dennis de Monchy
Organisation	De Monchy family
Date	7/2/2024

## 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:

All parts, I support the granting of concessions to Pure Turoa Ltd

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I support the granting of concessions to Pure Turoa Ltd because:

- We have strong personal and family connections to the mountains of Tongariro National Park going back to 1986, and we enjoy skiing/snowboarding, tramping and mountaineering as forms of recreation together with our family. We are regular and respectful visitors to TNP and being there is one of our favourite things to do – it brings us joy! My children and I refer to Ruapehu as our Maunga when telling our pepeha.

- As noted on p35 of the Tongariro National Park Management Plan (2006) Mt Ruapehu is 'nationally important' for skiing as it is the only place in the North Island where lift-serviced alpine snowsports can be provided (notwithstanding a small club field at Taranaki). Given the failure of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts, it is important to ensure that another entity takes over immediately, at least until climate change renders the activity commercially unviable in the future. Snow sports account for about half of all TNP visitors according to the TNPMP.

- The proposal is within the amenity area of Turoa Ski Area identified in the TNPMP and is generally consistent with the TNPMP's objectives.

- Granting the concession would foster recreation and therefore be consistent with section 6(e) of the Conservation Act, which states:

"to the extent that the use of any natural or historic resource for recreation or tourism is not inconsistent with its conservation, to foster the use of natural and historic resources for recreation, and to allow their use for tourism."

- While there are reasons to consider delaying the granting of concessions until after Te Tiriti o Waitangi claims have been settled, I believe that the applicant's growing relationship with Ngāti Rangī and others, combined with the relatively short term sought (compared with the current RAL concession's 60 years) and the proposal to eventually remove and replace the Ngā Wai Heke, Park Lane, Wintergarden and Giant lifts with one gondola or high capacity chair with a mid-station, plus the fact that the infrastructure will be damaged by ice if not operated each winter, mean granting the concession now and then working with iwi collaboratively is the best approach.

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.

I submit that the Department of Conservation:

1. Grant the concessions sought by Pure Turoa Ltd to operate Turoa Ski Area
2. Consider how the term of the concession can be extended to provide sufficient time for payback of the capital investment required to remove and replace some of the lifts as shown in the indicative development plan, while also respecting and providing for collaboration with Ngāti Rangī and any other relevant iwi so that the outcomes of their treaty settlement can be recognised and provided for by the applicant and DOC when the time comes.
3. Note that climate change will potentially render commercial ski areas on Mt Ruapehu economically unviable at some point during this century if the 2,300m elevation remains the upper limit for development, so allowing lift development in the 1,900m – 2,300m zone within the current ski area boundary may be desirable to ensure that popular and rewarding lift-serviced alpine snow sports can continue on the maunga for as long as possible.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 179

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

## C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter

Organisation

Date

## D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

- I **Support** this Application (I am making a submission)
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- 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:

Object to the application for the concession.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

It is not appropriate to make a short term concession for a ski field on Mt Ruapehu.  
In effect this is privatisation before Tongariro National Park treaty claim(s). Iwi must be central to what happens on the mountain.  
There has been a lack of sufficient disclosure of important information.  
Breaking up Turoa and Whakapapa is a mistake, both economically and for the conservation of the mountain.  
The negotiation and consultation period for this is far too short and iwi have been excluded

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.

The fundamental proposal to break up Turoa and Whakapapa is flawed. But specifically, there needs to be real engagement with Iwi and those of us who have life passes for Ruapehu Alpine Lifts. This simply has not happened to date.

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



## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 180**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	John Mulrennan
Organisation	
Date	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024

## 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:

No Concession has been granted.  
The term of the requested concession is only 10 years.  
Tongariro National Park treaty claims are not yet resolved.  
Lack of sufficient disclosure of important and redacted information.  
The proposed ski field lift changes are too narrow and will be over-crowded.  
Financial and Operational economies of scale, plus ski/board customer flexibility is lost by splitting the two ski fields.  
Short negotiation and consultation period.  
Exaggerated iwi engagement.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

There has been no Concession support for PTL, yet MBE have already sold Turoa for \$1 assuming one will be forth coming. And what happens to 2024/25 snow season if PTL cannot obtain a Concession? What about the Ohakune communities that rely on Turoa operating for their livelihood.

What does a term of only 10 years say about this PTL request? Not sure how 'for-profit' PTL will be viable in such a short term especially considering the investment required. We need long-term investment and operational commitment beyond 10 years.

It is disrespectful to local iwi / hapu to sell Turoa to PTL before this area of the Tongariro National Park claim is settled.

Why is so much of the PTL application redacted and lacking financial models?

The proposed ski field lift changes create a narrow channel of accessible snow. Thus, this central corridor will be over crowded compressing learners and experienced skiers/boarders together un-necessarily. The vast tracts of snow out wide toward the boundaries provide greater range of terrain and reduce the risk of crowding and ski ability conflict.

Having a combined Whakapapa and Turoa provides flexibility for customers, while also providing financial and operational economies. The PTL proposal causes unnecessary overheads to both sides of the mountain ski field operation. The watershed voters that have funded the RAL infrastructure, have shown they do not want Whakapapa and Turoa split.

What is the objective of such a short negotiation and consultation period? Surely it is authentically respectful to wait for the Waitangi Treaty Claims to be resolved before considering selling Turoa to PTL. Following a successful 2023 season, let RAL continue to operate for 2024 season in the interim.

The PTL claims of iwi engagement are consistently grossly exaggerated. At the watershed meeting they misrepresented the iwi support and consultation. Dishonest to the very people who allow use of the Tongariro National Park.

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.

I object to PTL being granted a lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 181**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SK

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

## C.2 Your name

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Karl Hillary
Organisation	Self
Date	7/2/24

## 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:

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Keeps NZer's employed, outdoors, stimulates the economy of the Central North Island and other outlying parts of NZ

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.

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**From:** [Oliver Smith](#)  
**To:** [Mtruapehusubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Submission on Tūroa Ski Field Concession Application  
**Date:** Thursday, 8 February 2024 7:05:30 am

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**SUB 182**

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I would like to voice my full support for Pure Turoa. I believe they are the best option to take Turoa forward and care for the area

Kind regards

Oliver Smith



## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 183

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Manu Lange
Organisation	N/A
Date	08/02/2024

## 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. The duration of the concession is only 10 years.
2. The Tongariro National Park (TNP) treaty claim(s) have not been negotiated or settled.
3. Not enough information to know if Pure Tūroa Limited (PTL) will be financially sound.
4. The decreased access to the mountain if the concession is awarded.
5. The concession excludes wider alpine snow sports assets on Mt Ruapehu, specifically Whakapapa.
6. Compressed negotiation and consultation period.
7. Redaction of important information, including parties involved and consulted.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

1. There currently remains an existing concession on the site of 60 years.

The short length of the concession sought indicates a clear lack of a long-term commitment to the operation, to the wider area and opens the door for asset stripping and an imbalance between commercial priorities and public interest. Environmentally, the longer the commitment to a place, the more invested a party is in the sustainability of a place. The PTL concession falls short on this front.

2. Tongariro National Park (TNP) treaty claim(s) may lead to immediate litigation costs.

The well publicised interests of other parties (including those under a Treaty claim) in the existing concession and RAL assets mean that should this PTL concession be awarded at this time, there is high risk of conflict and subsequent litigation which will bleed resources which could otherwise be used to enable and ensure equitable access to the assets and the ski field.

3. It is difficult to tell if the business will be financially viable.

Appendix 7 cash flow model makes it difficult to tell if the business makes commercial sense.

Information provided excludes information on what DoC and MBIE will need to pay to remove infrastructure from the mountain if the business fails.

4. Increased costs and decreased mountain capacity will make Tūroa less accessible to New Zealanders.

The reduction in capacity with the removal of the Nga Wai Heke chair, Giant Chair, and the Wintergarden Platter and less operational days, longer inactive vs active time on the mountain and lowered accessibility to the Maunga during the operating season. The lower capacity of 4500 would see increased demand, leading to price increases which will take the cost of utilising this natural resource beyond the reach of most New Zealanders.

5. Competing business interests with Whakapapa and lack of complementary business operation.

A lack of synergy between the other snow sports assets on Mt Ruapehu lowers the chance of mitigating partial operational closure across the Maunga – further reducing access for those who have travelled some distance to stay and experience the thrill and majesty of Mt Ruapehu.

6. Past concessions negotiations took around four years.

The short period of time between the consultation period and opening of the 2024 season means that there cannot be full consideration of important aspects.

7. Key information has not been provided.

The extensive redaction of names (e.g. Directors of PTL), this information is a matter of public record and should not be redacted.

Iwi engagement has been completely redacted.

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.

Any concession needs to be for a longer period of time (minimum 30 years).

Any concession needs to show partnership and/or endorsement from mana whenua. Cease ignoring iwi and retract from seeking new concessions, as they have said they will not approve new concessions until Treaty claims are settled on the Maunga.

Keeping the existing RAL concession in place provides a safe working relationship while the TNP treaty claims are being negotiated between the Government and various iwi interests over coming years.

Any concession should be for the whole mountain, being Whakapapa and Tūroa.

Any concession needs to show active consideration of ongoing accessibility (including socio-economic) to the Operation within this National Park. Especially as a non-profit operator is seen as being more compatible with public access to a National Park environment.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 184**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter

Shane Clements

Organisation

Date

08 February 2024

## D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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## E. Hearing Request

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## F. Objection or submission

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7. Key information has not been provided.

The extensive redaction of names (e.g. Directors of PTL). This information is a matter of public record and should not be redacted.

Iwi engagement has been completely redacted.

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.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 185

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Craig Dixon
Organisation	Private
Date	8/2/24

## 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:

Operating Turoa Ski Field

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I am a **Sec 9(2)(a)** genuine lover of the Tongariro National Park over many years. I want Ohakune and the surrounding areas to prosper and for the Alpine experience to be enjoyed by many.

**I strongly support Pure Turoa Limited in their application to run the Turoa Ski Field.**

- I believe Pure Turoa have the experience and expertise approach to successfully operate Turoa Ski Field.
- The ski field cannot be run in isolation – its needs to be strongly connected to the community – all working together and Pure Turoa’s plans indicate that this is a priority for them.
- Pure Turoa have communicated a very balanced and realistic plan to operate Turoa Ski Field. The future operation plans demonstrate an awareness of the environment and the needs of those who enjoy it.

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.

Nothing to Ammend

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Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

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## D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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## F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

Lack of sufficient disclosure of important information. Making it impossible to know whether the applicants are sound or not.  
Proposed reduction in lifts.  
Short term of the concession applied for.  
Privatisation prior to negotiation (let alone settlement) of TNP treaty claim(s)

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I have always admired the fundamental wording of the National Parks Act. To preserve and protect in perpetuity. To provide for the benefit, use and enjoyment of the parks by the people.

I hold those values dear. I come at this fully aware what went wrong with RAL, I hope those deciding on this application are aware? Happy to discuss! I do not believe a rush to privatise is the answer, nor do I see it furthering the two fundamental principles above. Events since the Administrators were called in have resulted in The Crown owning RAL. The Crown is of course the taxpayer, you and me. We now own RAL's assets. We own the concessions. Any attempt to say 'oh that's MBIE, we are DOC" simply fails to understand the fundamental fact that they are one and the same.

I am aware of the feedback from the wider ski community and that feedback stated a clear preference for;

Retaining both ski areas under one umbrella

Retaining not-for-profit

Retaining community ownership/accountability

Long term panning to ensure the intergenerational legacy handed down to us by the RAL founders be handed on to our Tipuna for them to thrive in the amazing gift.

The corporate solution, as proposed goes in exactly the opposite direction.

The proposals in regards to removal of lifts I see as showing a fundamental lack of understanding of good ski area design. The existing lifts were negotiated and agreed to. They should remain. The removal of lifts to concentrate riders into a narrower set of terrain features is detrimental to benefit, use and enjoyment of the park. Worse still it puts riders of different abilities on the same slopes. This is classically bad ski area design. Putting fast riders on the same slopes as slow riders ruins the experience for all and creates real and ongoing safety issues. Further, it risks crossing the boundary of what is known as Slope Capacity. This is a threshold one must NOT cross. That is more people on a slope that that slope can handle. Once that line is crossed there is no coming back. Just like a traffic jam on the motorway, everything grinds to a crawl/halt.

Turning Turoa into a two-lift-wonder is a disaster in the making. Try removing lanes off the motorway...what could possibly go wrong?

I might add that building a new lift to replace the lower lifts actually makes this situation potentially worse!

All this has the real potential to make Turoa far less enjoyable for pretty much everyone. This is a negative for Ohakune and Raetihi

It is also a negative for Whakapapa as the disgruntled Turoa skiers then congest Whakapapa.

RAL went bust from a combination of poor governance, poor management and a corporate mentality on the board that took it away from a successful low-debt conservative stewardship to a high-debt high-risk model.

The application as is available for the public, contains none of the information required to be able to make any judgement on their ski area expertise, financial prowess etc. If I cannot support a proposal that leaves me no choice but to oppose. Our precious maunga deserves no less!



The proposed 10 year concession timeframe only serves to increase my concerns. Nobody, but nobody is going to make the deep capital investments required to maintain quality ski area infrastructure on a 10 year timeframe. I simply don't believe it.

The lessons of Chateau might be worth noting here. I see a real risk of a for-profit entity living up to it's name and strip mining money off Turoa and leaving a husk. Further, Turoa has been run for-profit in the past. It failed. That is no reflection on the merits, or otherwise of PTL, just to point out that privatisation is no magic solution.

Possibly the most important factor though is iwi. There remains an entire Tongariro National Park Treaty claim to process. This process hasn't even begun properly yet. Deed of settlement agreements have either not even been signed yet, or the ink is barely dry. Until those are done we don't even know who will be at the negotiating table, let alone who will emerge with Mana Whenua status over what. We don't know what the legal status of the peaks, the Tuku and thus the ski areas will be. It is not my pace to begin to venture an opinion on how that might be negotiated, nor of the outcome. But I do speak up to support the process.

Privatising any the upper reaches of Ruapehu, or the facilities thereon is an absolute slap in the face to the good faith require by the process. It's putting the cart before the horse.

I have heard iwi voice these concerns already. I support those concerns.

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.

Reject any privatisation/ sale of RAL ski area assets. The crown to retain the existing concessions. Crown to engage in good faith with iwi and the wider community to run the ski areas to best industry practice, to allow the time and safe working relationship for TNP claims to be settled.

Then, and only then, a proper solution can be concluded. That might indeed be privatisation.

I ask the Minister to not play fast and loose with Crown Iwi relations to the short term benefit of a few individuals and a diminished ski area. We all deserve better.

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How do I submit my objection or submission?





## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 187**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Michael Carson
Organisation	
Date	8/2/24

## D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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1. The duration of the concession is only 10 years.
2. The Tongariro National Park (TNP) treaty claim(s) have not been negotiated or settled.
3. Not enough information to know if Pure Tūroa Limited (PTL) will be financially sound.
4. The decreased access to the mountain if the concession is awarded.
5. The concession excludes wider alpine snow sports assets on Mt Ruapehu, specifically Whakapapa.
6. Compressed negotiation and consultation period.
7. Redaction of important information, including parties involved and consulted.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Before addressing the points above I would like to make it clear that I support someone running the ski fields on Mt Ruapehu thus I am not objecting though I do have concerns. Splitting the ski fields and selling them off is not my preferred option however if this is the only option then I would like PTL to get a concession to operate and not make the process so onerous that they back out.

1. There currently remains an existing concession on the site of 60 years.

The short length of the concession sought indicates a clear lack of a long-term commitment to the operation, to the wider area and opens the door for asset stripping and an imbalance between commercial priorities and public interest. Environmentally, the longer the commitment to a place, the more invested a party is in the sustainability of a place. The PTL concession falls short on this front.

2. Tongariro National Park (TNP) treaty claim(s) may lead to immediate litigation costs.

The well publicised interests of other parties (including those under a Treaty claim) in the existing concession and RAL assets mean that should this PTL concession be awarded at this time, there is high risk of conflict and subsequent litigation which will bleed resources which could otherwise be used to enable and ensure equitable access to the assets and the ski field.

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The reduction in capacity with the removal of the Nga Wai Heke chair, Giant Chair, and the Wintergarden Platter and less operational days, longer inactive vs active time on the mountain and lowered accessibility to the Maunga during the operating season. The lower capacity of 4500 would see increased demand, leading to price increases which will take the cost of utilising this natural resource beyond the reach of most New Zealanders.

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A lack of synergy between the other snow sports assets on Mt Ruapehu lowers the chance of mitigating partial operational closure across the Maunga – further reducing access for those who have travelled some distance to stay and experience the thrill and majesty of Mt Ruapehu.

6. Past concessions negotiations took around four years.

The short period of time between the consultation period and opening of the 2024 season means that there cannot be full consideration of important aspects.

7. Key information has not been provided.

The extensive redaction of names (e.g. Directors of PTL), this information is a matter of public record and should not be redacted.

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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.

Any concession needs to be for a longer period of time (minimum 30 years).

Any concession needs to show partnership and/or endorsement from mana whenua. Cease ignoring iwi and retract from seeking new concessions, as they have said they will not approve new concessions until Treaty claims are settled on the Maunga.

Keeping the existing RAL concession in place provides a safe working relationship while the TNP treaty claims are being negotiated between the Government and various iwi interests over coming years.

Any concession should be for the whole mountain, being Whakapapa and Tūroa.

Any concession needs to show active consideration of ongoing accessibility (including socio-economic) to the Operation within this National Park. Especially as a non-profit operator is seen as being more compatible with public access to a National Park environment.

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## OBJECTION OR SUBMISSION

### A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 188

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

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Michael Lash

Local Home Owner,  
 Snowboarder  
 FLS, Lift Operations Turoa

4/2/024

### D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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- I **Do Not** wish to be heard in support of this objection or submission at a hearing.
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## F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

I support the PURE TUROA application to operate Turoa skifield.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Ruapehu , Turoa is my happy place , I have been in love with this mountain since my good friend opened a local snowboard hire shop in 1991.Snowboarding on Turoa and the community of Ohakune became my center and  
Sec 9(2)(a)

I have passed that love to a new generation my daughter, and share that love with thousands of people every season as a lift to enjoy appreciate care for and and make turns on Ruapehu

I've dedicated what's left of my working career to Turoa , a loyal servant of the Maunga as a humble Lifty 4 seasons Lift Operations coming up.

I believe PURE Turoa has the backing of our community, and so do I . I believe the separation of the Ski fields to be in the best I interest of all.

Those are my personal reasons for supporting turoa continuing.

But as important is for all people from all over the world to have the oppportunity to Ski on one of the most diverse environments in the world. A world heritage park the first in the world is so significant. To remove the access and ability for people to appreciate one of the most beautifull places I have ever been would be a tragedy

PURE Turoa have my support and loyalty I believe in a great future for our community.

Thank-you

Mike Lash

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Hamish Lusk
Organisation	
Date	8/2/2024

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## F. Objection or submission

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I am concerned about the short term of the period being 10 years and believe a much longer one would be appropriate.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I support the operation of the skifield for the benefit of the local community and believe that the ski area should be maximised for use as a ski area.

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**From:** [Martin & Vicky Gulley](#)  
**To:** [Mtruapehusubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Mt Ruapheu  
**Date:** Thursday, 8 February 2024 8:34:42 am

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SUB 190

You don't often get email from **Sec 9(2)(a)**. [Learn why this is important](#)

Thank you for all your work on this.

My main concern is regarding separating the two mountains. I would like to see both mountains grow together. No chairs should be removed. More chairs are needed and it would be good to join both ski fields together.

Thank you



## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 191**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Stacey Galloway
Organisation	
Date	08/02/24

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The whole application – in support of

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Sec 9(2)(a) and I still want to see this change happen (even Sec 9(2)(a) ) for the community of Ohakune, their passion for Turoa and PTL seems enormous and therefore I believe they will look after the Mt in the manner that is expected.

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter

GRANT SUMMERELL

Organisation

Date

08/02/2024

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Michael Jones
Organisation	
Date	08.02.2024

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Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Judy Rooney
Organisation	
Date	08/02/2024

## D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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## F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

Mount Ruapehu is a very special and unique area of Aotearoa which needs to be nurtured and shared. It is vitally important that Turoa ski field remains in operation for the NZ people and tourists. Pure Turoa is the best group to make this happen. I support Pure Turoa.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:  
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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 195**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Paul Dow
Organisation	Dow Family
Date	8/02/2024

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All parts. I **support** the granting of concessions to Pure Turoa Ltd.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I **support** the granting of concessions to Pure Turoa Ltd because:

- We have strong personal and family connections to the mountains of Tongariro National Park going back to 1996, and we enjoy skiing/snowboarding, tramping and mountaineering as forms of recreation together with our three teenage children and many of our friends. We are regular and respectful visitors to TNP and being there is one of our favourite things to do.
- We <sup>Sec 9(2)(a)</sup> wish to continue enjoying the Maunga on both sides – it's a special place – great for the Soul.
- As noted on p35 of the Tongariro National Park Management Plan (2006) Mt Ruapehu is 'nationally important' for skiing as it is the only place in the North Island where lift-serviced alpine snowsports can be provided (notwithstanding a small club field at Taranaki). Given the failure of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts, it is important to ensure that another entity takes over immediately, at least until climate change renders the activity commercially unviable in the future. Snow sports account for about half of all TNP visitors according to the TNPMP.
- The proposal is within the amenity area of Turoa Ski Area identified in the TNPMP and is generally consistent with the TNPMP's objectives.
- Granting the concession would **foster recreation** and therefore be consistent with section 6(e) of the Conservation Act, which states:

*"to the extent that the use of any natural or historic resource for recreation or tourism is not inconsistent with its conservation, to foster the use of natural and historic resources for recreation, and to allow their use for tourism."*

While there are reasons to consider delaying the granting of concessions until after Te Tiriti o Waitangi claims have been settled, I believe that the applicant's growing relationship with Ngāti Rangī and others, combined with the relatively short term sought (compared with the current RAL concession's 60 years) and the proposal to eventually remove and replace the Ngā Wai Heke, Park Lane, Wintergarden and Giant lifts with one gondola or high capacity chair with a mid-station, plus the fact that the infrastructure will be damaged by ice if not operated each winter, mean granting the concession now and then working with iwi collaboratively is the best approach.

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.

I submit that the Department of Conservation:

1. **Grant the concessions** sought by Pure Turoa Ltd to operate Turoa Ski Area
2. Consider how the term of the concession can be extended to provide sufficient time for payback of the capital investment required to remove and replace some of the lifts as shown in the indicative development plan, while also respecting and providing for collaboration with Ngāti Rangī and any other relevant iwi so that the outcomes of their treaty settlement can be recognised and provided for by the applicant and DOC when the time comes.
3. Note that climate change will potentially render commercial ski areas on Mt Ruapehu economically unviable at some point during this century if the 2,300m elevation remains the upper limit for development, so allowing lift development in the 1,900m – 2,300m zone within the current ski area boundary may be desirable to ensure that popular and rewarding lift-serviced alpine snow sports can continue on the maunga for as long as possible.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 196**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Bryan Royds
Organisation	
Date	8/2/2024

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1. There currently remains an existing concession on the site of 60 years.

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The well publicised interests of other parties (including those under a Treaty claim) in the existing concession and RAL assets mean that should this PTL concession be awarded at this time, there is high risk of conflict and subsequent litigation which will bleed resources which could otherwise be used to enable and ensure equitable access to the assets and the ski field.

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The short period of time between the consultation period and opening of the 2024 season means that there cannot be full consideration of important aspects.

7. Key information has not been provided.

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Keeping the existing RAL concession in place provides a safe working relationship while the TNP treaty claims are being negotiated between the Government and various iwi interests over coming years.

Any concession should be for the whole mountain, being Whakapapa and Tūroa.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 197

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

Lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area on Mount Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park for a period of 10 years. The application also includes associated aircraft and filming activities.

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter

Organisation

Date

8/2/24

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## 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:

The short term of the concession.  
Privatisation, putting profit ahead of sustainable non-profit  
Lack of sufficient disclosure of important information.  
The smaller ski field.  
Splitting the two ski fields: Whakapapa being excluded.  
Short negotiation and consultation period.  
Extensive redactions (hiding) of names (e.g. Directors of PTL).  
Complete redaction of iwi engagement.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

The proposed 10 year concession timeframe is too short to build a productive and supported system. Capital investments will not be made since they will only begin to earn profits after the 10 year time frame.

It is proposed to remove lifts to focus all skiers onto only 2 lifts. Having all levels of ability on only a small area will increase the likelihood of collisions between expert and beginner users. Splitting Turoa from Whakapapa begins the dismantling of ski area assets. The two ski areas need to be managed together to optimise skier/snowboarder access to snow.

It is not clear how the private company plans to make a profit. Hiding the names of Directors is not a good way to build trust.

The lack of building iwi engagement is a very big concern and should not be rushed just because of company wants to make a profit.

Events since the Administrators were called in have resulted in The Crown owning RAL. The people of New Zealand now own RAL's assets. We own the concessions.

Retaining both ski areas under one umbrella of not-for-profit is the best way to build community ownership and accountability.

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.

Reject any privatisation/ sale of RAL ski area assets. It is very important for the Crown to retain the existing concessions. Only the Crown has the desire and obligation to engage in good faith with iwi and the wider community to run the ski areas to best industry practice, to allow the time and safe working relationship for TNP claims to be settled. Then a proper solution can be concluded.

I ask the Minister to respect Crown iwi relations in order to not diminish the ski area to the short term benefit of a few individuals.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 198**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

## B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location(s)

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Dean Gerrard
Organisation	Self
Date	08 February 2024

## D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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- I am **Neutral** on this Application (I am making a submission).
- I **Oppose** this Application (I am making an objection).

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- I **Do Not** wish to be heard in support of this objection or submission at a hearing.
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## F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I fully support the proposal to continue the running of Turoa ski field for as long as it possibly can be.

The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:  
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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Tania Stevenson
Organisation	Life Pass Holder <small>Sec 9(2)(a)</small>
Date	6 February 2024

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## F. Objection or submission

The specific parts of the application that this objection or submission relates to are:

- Overall the lack of disclosure of information which makes it look like privatisation and sale to PTL has been favoured by MBIE without good reason or understanding of the wider issues.
- The short length of the concession being applied for, as noted in the withdrawal of the Whakapapa bid, there are serious concerns with such a short duration that raise more questions.
- Removal of key lifts (Nga Wai Heke chair, Giant Chair, and the Wintergarden Platter) and associated reduction in skier capacity and safety.
- Failure to address a solution to Whakapapa's part in the liquidation and receivership of RAL.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

The (highly probable) delay in negotiating for new short term concessions, when an existing concession is already in place, does not allow for meaningful development and reflects a lack of long-term commitment. It is also deeply disrespectful to Māori and the on-going Tongariro National Park treaty claim. This rushed process and the clandestine nature of MBIE's dealings with PTL are hard to comprehend for a Crown business negotiation, which should be transparent and fair.

The removal of the key lifts will drastically reduce the skiable terrain on the mountain, worsening queues and creating dangerous congestion, forcing those who are beginner or intermediate skiers to have to ski with more advanced skiers.

The separation of Turoa from Whakapapa is of concern from a viability perspective. Often if you can't ski at Turoa you go to Whakapapa and vice versa, separate entities will obstruct this, and the end result will see more regular skiers choosing to ski elsewhere instead of at Ruapehu, with dire economic outcomes for the region. What are all the people who will live in the large new Housing NZ development proposed in Ohakune supposed to do for work without the mountain in operation?

In my opinion the core problem was the decision to spend so much money on the Gondola, the bad luck of Covid and a poor snow year in quick succession.

The PTL model and proposed season pass price of \$1500 will effectively turn Turoa into an elite club field, resulting in many regular Ruapehu skiers deciding to head down south, which will negatively impact not only Turoa but also Whakapapa, Ohakune and other surrounding towns.

There appears to be a lack of accountability for PTL, given they may charge monthly expenses and just walk away if they don't succeed, with no penalty for restoration (the biggest debit on the balance sheet) – not a level playing field as this appears to be on the books for other operator options. The removal of the infrastructure has to be the worst possible outcome and yet this solution is the most risky in terms of it happening.

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The National Parks Act strives to 'preserve and protect in perpetuity. To provide for the benefit, use and enjoyment of the parks for all people'. This is a worthy goal and I believe the best outcome is to keep skiing and riding on Mt Ruapehu accessible for as many New Zealanders as possible.

I reject any rushed privatisation/sale of RAL ski area assets, and urge the Crown to engage with iwi and the wider community to run the ski fields to best industry practice to ensure accessibility for all, and to acknowledge the benefit skiing and riding on Ruapehu brings to the region and the neighbouring small towns.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 200**

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Simon Hogg
Organisation	n/a
Date	08/02/2024

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