

OBJECTION OR SUBMISSION FORM

Publicly notified application for leases, licences, permits, or easements.



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

New Zealand Government

A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant

87559-OTH Te Anau Helicopter Services Limited

B. Name of Proposed Activity and Location

Exclusive use of 1320m2 area of land containing a helicopter hanger, Office, and helipad adjacent to Milford Aerodrome, Fiordland National Park for the purpose of operating a commercial helicopter service.

C.1 Objector or Submitter Information-

Submitter's name (list organisational name if submitting on behalf of a business, community group, etc.)	Forest & Bird
Contact person and role of organisation	Rick Zwaan, Otago/Southland Regional Conservation Manager
Email (Communication from DOC will be via email unless alternate contact requested)	r.zwaan@forestandbird.org.nz
Alternate contact for all DOC communication	
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I wish to **keep my contact details confidential**

Note: Your contact details will be not made public, but your name and organisation will be published. DOC will send you all submitter communications.



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C.2 Your name

In placing your name and organisation below, you acknowledge that you are the person or authorised person submitting this objection or submission. You are also acknowledging that your name and organisation will be published.

Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Rick Zwaan
Organisation	Forest & Bird
Date	04/06/2021

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:

Forest & Bird opposes to the 30year term sought as this is entirely inappropriate given the extensive work underway on the Milford Opportunities Project and pending review of the Fiordland National Park Management Plan.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

The Milford Opportunities Project is tasked with determining what the future of Milford Sound should look like including how people travel to and from the place. This may include recommendations on reducing flights in and out of the place which have a negative impact on the ability of people to enjoy the natural quiet of the place and can impact on wildlife. This is of particular importance given the National Park and World Heritage Area status considerations.

Allowing a 30 year concession will limit the ability to change how the area is used and lock in an existing use for a future generation.

The application makes no mention of climate change or how the proposed activity (especially permanent fuel tank) could be impacted by rising sea levels and increased frequency of storms. The Department has recently released an updated Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan, which specifically highlights the risk climate change will pose to infrastructure such as is in this application. The decision makers need to have regard for this plan when considering the application.

Page 15 of the Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan outlines how it is intended to inform all levels of the Department's planning and decision making, including National Park Management Plans. As the Fiordland NPMP has not been reviewed since this has been in place, a shorter-term concession would be appropriate to allow for that review to take place and ensure the concession is properly assessed in light of 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.

The term of the concession needs to be shorter. A term of six years would allow for the outcomes of the Milford Opportunities Project to come out and be incorporated into a new Fiordland National Park Management Plan. A fresh concession application could then be assessed under these new plans.

The application must consider the affects climate change is likely to have on the activity and the impact the activity will have on contributing to climate change. There is no doubt that rising seas and increased storms will continue to impact on operations at Milford Sound. Decision makers must have regard for the Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan when considering this proposal.

G. Attachments

If you are using attachments to support your objection or submission clearly label each attachment, complete the table below and send in your attachments with this 'objection or submission form'.

Document title	Document format (e.g. Word, PDF, Excel, jpg etc.)	Description of attachment
Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan	pdf	DOC's Climate Change Adaptation Plan

How do I submit my objection or submission?

Complete this form and email to DNSubmissions@doc.govt.nz. You may also mail your objection and submission to: Director-General, c/o Department of Conservation, PO Box 5244, Dunedin 9054, Attention: Lisa Wheeler.