



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

This form is to be used when the proposed activity involves any access across public conservation land, and is to be completed in conjunction with either Applicant Information Form 1a (longer term concession) or Applicant Information Form 1b (one-off concession) as appropriate. Examples of this type of activity are:

- a right to convey water:
- a right to drain water:
- a right to drain sewage:
- a right of way (access):
- a right to convey electricity:
- a right to convey telecommunications and computer media:
- a right to convey gas.

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

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

A. Description of Activity

Please describe in detail the proposed activity, eg an accessway, cable or pipeline. Please include any details of construction eg location, building dimensions, materials, purpose, number of people and vehicles involved etc

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

Provide information about when and how the easement area will be used.

Please attach a map of the site, a detailed site plan and drawings of proposal (as necessary). If possible include photographs of the site. Any attachments should be labelled Attachment 3c:A.

The Applicant is applying to continue the existing multiday guided walk operation on the Milford Track, Fiordland National Park. The existing activity operates with in-situ infrastructure which supports the multiday guided walk and this application is to continue utilising the infrastructure as easements (see other concession application forms 3b, 4a, 4b and 4c for Lease and Licence of the multiday guided walk).

Existing services and infrastructure provide integral components to the overall competent and effective operation of the activity. The following easements are required to continue the multiday guided walk:

- Right to convey water supplies; and
- Right to drain sewage and wastewater discharges.

The easement services are situated at the accommodation lodge sites and at the Boatshed shelter. All locations are on the Milford Track, within the Fiordland National Park. The attached building and infrastructure documents

for each of the accommodation lodge areas and shelters details the infrastructure. The following is a summary of the locations and its services:

1. Glade House

Conveying water supplies:

Water intake, water line, settling tank (4,000L), emergency tank (25,000L), and water line to the accommodation lodge facility.

Store and drain sewage and wastewater:

Septic tanks, wastewater and sewage lines, and dispersal field.

Glade house requires a settling tank to ensure the potable water is safe for the public to consume. An emergency storage tank is required at this site due to its location and activity. This provides capability for firefighting and reserve water if the main feed is out of action.

2. Pompolona Lodge

Conveying water supplies:

Water intake, water line and 2 x water tanks (10,000L each)

Drain sewage and wastewater:

Wastewater and sewage lines, and dispersal field.

For completeness sake the septic tanks that are associated with the Pompolona accommodation lodge facility are proposed to be included in the accommodation lodge lease area. One reason is for uninhibited access necessary for safety and security of plant and people, and competent operation of the sewage and wastewater system and another reason it makes a logical boundary for the lease area.

3. Quintin Lodge

Conveying water supplies:

Water intake, water line and 2 x water tanks (10,000L each)

Drain sewage and wastewater:

Wastewater and sewage lines, and dispersal field.

For completeness sake the septic tanks that are associated with the Quintin accommodation lodge facility are proposed to be included in the accommodation lodge lease area. One reason is for uninhibited access necessary for safety and security of plant and people, and competent operation of the sewage and wastewater system, and another reason is it makes a logical boundary for the lease area.

4. Hirere Falls Shelter

Storage of water (rain) 1 x 3000L tank

5. Crow's Nest Emergency Shelter

Storage of water (rain) 1 x 1000L tank

6. Boatshed Shelter

Conveying water supplies:

Water intake, pump, water line and 3 x 3000L water tanks (rainwater). The water intake and line are only used if the tanks need to be topped up as the tanks catch rainwater.



Honda water pump (petrol motor). Stored in shed when not in use.

Store and drain sewage and wastewater:

Septic tank, wastewater and sewage lines, and dispersal field.

The Applicants procedures to remove sewage and wastewater from the national park is outlined in the attached Responsible Tourism Policy (Document P).

In summary:

- All systems are monitored, and maintained appropriately to ensure competent, effective and safe services and facilities.
- An environmentally friendly bacteria bug is added to the septic system to assist in breakdown of the sewage and toilet paper. Additionally, this reduces odours, protects the health of the drainage fields and septic tank.
- Resultant sludge from the sewage and wastewater is flown to sewage treatment plant and remaining liquid is passed through a series of high-quality water filters before being dispersed (into already approved dispersal field locations).
- All disposal of wastewater is in keeping with the applicable resource consents.
- Regular water testing is carried out during the walking season to ensure the water being released has no detrimental affect on the surrounding environment. As per resource consent conditions.
- Septic tanks are monitored and only emptied when it is necessary. This reduces the need to use aircraft resulting in less aircraft movements to service the facilities.
- The Applicant regularly investigates opportunities to improve the systems and procedures already in place.

If you wish to build, extend or add to any **permanent or temporary structures** on public conservation land (eg pumpsheds, toilets, fences, storage facilities). Please provide the following details:

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

No extensions, construction and/or alternations or temporary structures are proposed as part of this application.

B. Term

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

Note: An application for an easement will not be publicly notified unless the adverse effects of the activity are such that it is required, or if an exclusive interest in the land is required.

A term of 40 years is being applied for the Lease concession activities.

The reason for this term length is the Applicant has injected significant capital into the multiday guided walk activity and will continue to do so to maintain and upgrade the existing facilities and infrastructure, in accordance with operational and development plans and legislative requirements. This investment requires a length of term providing surety and security for continuance of operation, and to enable a reasonable return on such an investment.

The proposed length of term also provides potential visitors to the Milford Track with a sense of security and continuity in the knowledge that the guided multiday opportunities on the Milford Track remains a consistent and quality product.

NB: For completeness sake the Lease and Licence (guiding, aircraft and watercraft activities) concession applications will also be proposing a term of 40 years.

C. Environmental Impact Assessment

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

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

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

**Location on public
conservation land**

Special feature or value

**Potential effects of your
activity on the feature or
value (positive or adverse)**

**Methods to remedy, mitigate or avoid any adverse effects
identified**

Environmental Impact Assessment is provided for the entire concession application (for concession application forms 3b, 3c, 4a, 4b and 4c) and can be found attached as Document G.

D. Other

Is there any further information you wish to supply in support of your application? Please attach if necessary and label Form 3c:D

The attached documents (Documents I – L) provide further detail. These documents provide plans, maps and photos relevant to this Easement Application.