



We recommend that you contact your usual permissions advisor, or the [appropriate Department of Conservation Office](#) to discuss the application prior to completing the application forms - see appendix for contact details.

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 must be completed for all longer term applications (ie not one-off applications), then please fill in and attach the form(s) for the activities you wish to undertake. If extra space is required for answering please attach and label according to the relevant section.

Once you have filled in your application form, please complete this checklist to ensure that all components of your application form are complete. This will help prevent any possible delays in the processing of your application:

- Legal status registration number (if not an individual)
- Written testimonials (if required) NR
- Written consultations (if applicable) NR
- All appropriate activity application forms - for concessions we require the applicant information form **and** relevant activity form(s)
- Supporting evidence for Environmental Impact Assessment (if required) NR
- Supporting information and detail including maps, site plans, building plans as required in activity forms. ****Note some applications require GPS Co-ordinates**** NR
- Supporting evidence for details of activity forms NR
- Have you read the section regarding the liability of the applicant for payment of fees?
- Have you signed your application?**

All efforts in putting together a detailed application are greatly appreciated and will allow the Department to effectively and efficiently process your application.

A. Applicant Details

Applicant Name
(full name of registered company or individual) Moehau Environment Group Incorporated

Legal Status of applicant (tick) Individual Registered Company Trust Incorporated Society X

Other (please specify full details)

Please supply the company, trust or incorporated society registration number: 1107974

If an individual please supply your date of birth (this is a unique identifier for you):

Trading Name
(if different from Applicant name)

Postal Address

[REDACTED]

Street Address (if different from Postal Address)

Registered Office of Company or Incorporated Society (if applicable)

Phone

[REDACTED]

Website www.meg.org.nz

Contact Person and role

Paul Johnson, Operation Manager

Phone

[REDACTED]

Cell Phone

Email

[REDACTED]

Contact Person and role

Lettecia Williams, Chairperson

Phone

[REDACTED]

Cell Phone

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

B. Activities applied for

Please fill in all the forms that are applicable in order to cover all the activities the applicant wishes to undertake on public conservation land. Please tick below the forms that have been completed, and attach.

ACTIVITY	FORM	✓
Grazing	2a	
Land use:		
A. Tenanting and/or using existing DOC facility/structure	3a	✓
B. Use of public conservation land for private/commercial facility/structure	3b	
C. Easements across public conservation land including right of way, stock access, convey electricity, drain sewerage, waterpipes etc	3c	
Guiding/Tourism/Recreation:		
A. Walking/Hiking/Tramping/Hunting/Fishing/Horses/4WD activities etc	4a	
B. Watercraft activities	4b	
C. Aircraft activities	4c	
Filming	5a	
Sporting Events	6a	
Other (activities that may not be sufficiently covered in the above forms)	7a	

C. Background Experience of Applicant

Please provide relevant information relating to the applicant's ability to carry out the proposed activity (e.g. details of previous concessions, membership of professional organisations and relevant qualifications). Attach details and label Attachment 1a:C.

Moehau Environment Group (MEG) is a non-profit community conservation group based in Northern Coromandel. The group aims to protect biodiversity in the area by carrying out intensive pest control, species recovery work and advocacy within the community. Formed in 2000, we currently have approximately 310 members. The sheer scale of land currently under MEG protection makes us unique when compared with other community conservation groups. Our projects cover integrated pest control and habitat restoration over a total of 14000 ha, on both public and private land. This has allowed for the recovery of many endangered species in the Northern Coromandel including kiwi, fernbirds, bittern, kaka and spotless crane. We also partnered with DOC to allow the successful reintroduction of North island robin and pateke with both species now breeding successfully in the area.

Over the 18 years MEG has been operating we have attracted over \$2,500,000 through grants, fundraising and donations. Our annual operating budget is approximately \$275,000. MEG gives in excess of 6000 volunteer hours annually which equates to a contribution of \$150,000 from the community towards conservation. We employ around 15 locals providing much needed employment in the district.

MEG has a proven track record in pest management, has substantial infrastructure in place and has established positive relationships with many private landowners in Northern Coromandel. MEG

inspires and supports landowners keen to undertake predator control on their own land as well as supporting other community conservation groups in the region. Our work closely aligns with DOC, WRC and other agencies. For example our Waikawau Bay wetland enhancement complements adjacent wetland and dune restoration being undertaken by DOC and WRC, our kiwi sanctuary borders the DOC Moehau Kiwi Sanctuary and the Haurataunga Kiwi Project, significantly extending the area of kiwi protection. Our possum control operations strategically link possum control being undertaken to the north by DOC and private landowners.

This application is for two concessions. Firstly for the use of Knox Coastal Cottage as an operational base, secondly to run the Waikawau Bay Campground shop through the peak summer period. Both of these concessions will allow MEG to make contact with the general public (driving increased membership and fundraising) and promote conservation activities and general advocacy of the work that MEG and DOC are undertaking in the Northern Coromandel.

MEG Operational Base:

MEG needs a location that can be used as an operational base to efficiently run the pest control operations. A location is required that we can store power tools, traps and trap building materials, a workshop is required for our staff to work on days when the weather is too wet to be in the field. A location that has some accommodation facility to house volunteers who can stay for up to 6 weeks would be ideal.

DOC owned Knox Coastal Cottage fits all of these requirements and MEG has partnered with DOC under an Agree Working Arrangement since 2017 to be able to use Knox Coastal Cottage as an operational base. The AWA runs to 2020, this application is to formalise the agreement into the appropriate concession to give MEG certainty around operations in the future.

Wakiawau Bay Campground Store:

Since 2012 MEG has run the Wakaiwau Bay Campground store over the peak summer period. This has relieved the DOC campground managers from needing to manage the operation of the store during the busiest time of the year for them. It allows MEG to advocate for conservation and raise the public profile of the group, promote the Summer Program to the campers and raise funds. Any profit that is generated from the shop is used to fund local conservation projects managed by the group.

Has the Applicant or any of the company directors, trustees, partners, or anyone involved with the Application been convicted of any offence? Does the Applicant or any of the company directors, trustees, partners, or anyone involved with the Application have any current criminal charges pending before the court? If yes, please supply details.

No

D. Testimonials

Please attach two written testimonials, together with the names, occupations, addresses and phone numbers of two people who will vouch for the proficiency of the applicant in the proposed activity. At least one testimonial should contain information in relation to the financial viability and standing of the applicant. These testimonials are to be labelled Attachment 1a:D.

E. Consultation Undertaken

Most applications require consultation with whanau/hapu/iwi (local Maori), and other interested parties. Please read the information on the DOC website and contact the nearest Department of Conservation office to discuss what is required. Written expert views, advice or opinions concerning your proposal may also be attached to support the application. Attach any proof of consultation to the application and label Attachment 1a:E.

F. Insurance

Concessionaires are required to indemnify the Minister against any claims or liabilities arising from their actions. If this application is approved, the applicant will be required to hold Public Liability, Forest and Rural Fire Act Extension Insurance, and possibly Statutory Liability and/or vehicle insurance. The level of cover will depend on the nature of the activity. Please contact the nearest Department of Conservation office to discuss what is required.

G. Public Notification

Some activities and/or types of concession applications require public notification if the Department forms an intent to grant the concession. This increases the time and cost of processing the concession. The usual circumstances when public notification is required are thus:

- The Application is for exclusive use of public conservation land (ie a lease);
- The Application is for a licence for a term longer than 10 years;
- Other concessions do not require public notification unless the adverse effects of the activity are such that it is required.

A permissions advisor can advise you as to the type of concession your activity requires and whether or not it needs notification.

H. Fees and costs

Due to the fact that MEG is a Not For Profit Organisation largely run on a volunteer basis we request a waiver in the processing fees and annual management costs. Any monies that are generated from the concessions will go into MEG's local conservation operations in the Northern Coromandel to protect wildlife, increase biodiversity and provide advocacy for conservation. To support the fee waiver please note that MEG has a current Agreed Working Arrangement with DOC for the use of Knox Cottage through to mid 2020 which provides the use of the cottage with no fees.

Processing Fees:

Section 60B of the Conservation Act contains the statutory provisions regarding processing fees.

The Department recovers all direct and indirect costs to process a concession application from Applicants regardless of whether the application is approved or declined. The cost of processing a concession depends on whether the application needs to be notified or not (see Public Notification section above), and/or whether the application is a standard application or is complicated/complex.

The estimated cost of processing a standard non-notified concession is **\$1540 + GST**. If the application meets the criteria for notification or the application is particularly complex or complicated then further costs will be incurred. In this situation the Applicant will be sent an estimate of costs. Applicants are also entitled to request an estimate of costs at any point but the Department may impose a charge for preparing such an estimate. Estimates are not binding.

The Department will ordinarily invoice the Applicant for processing fees after a decision has been made on the application but in some cases interim invoices will be issued. If at any stage an application is withdrawn the Department shall invoice the Applicant for the costs incurred by the Department up to that point. Applicants are required to pay the processing fees within 28 days of receiving an invoice. The Director-General is entitled to recover any unpaid fees as a debt.

The Director-General of Conservation has discretion to reduce or waive processing fees. If your application is for landing aircraft for personal recreational use you may be eligible for a reduction of 50% of the processing fee.

The Department may obtain further information either from the applicant or from any other relevant source in order to process the application. The applicant will be advised of any information obtained from other sources. The cost of obtaining such information will be charged to and recovered from the applicant. The applicant will be informed as soon as practicable from receipt of the application if further information is required before this application form can be fully processed by the Department.

Reduction in Processing Fees for exceeding processing timeframe:

If the Department fails to meet its processing timeframes the fees will be reduced at a rate of 1% per day late, up to a maximum of 50% of the total processing fee. The reduction will not apply if the Applicant's actions have delayed the process.

Ongoing Fees:

If your application is approved, you will also be required to pay annual fees throughout your concession. These are:

- Annual management fee to cover administration time; and/or
- Monitoring fee (if required) to cover the cost of monitoring the effects of your activity; and/or
- Activity fee per head (if a recreation concession), or a minimum fee per year; and/or
- Annual rental (if a land use concession eg lease)

Please contact the nearest Department of Conservation office to discuss the applicable fee and processing timeframe for the application.

Terms and Conditions for an Account with the Department of Conservation:

Have you held an account with the Department before? (Please tick) Yes No *ND*

If yes, under what name:

1. I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my details to the Department's Credit Checking Agency to enable it to conduct a full credit check.
2. I/We agree that any change which affects the trading address, legal entity, structure of management or control of the applicant's company (as detailed in this application) will be notified in writing to the Department of Conservation within 7 days of that change becoming effective.
3. I/We agree to notify the Department of Conservation of any disputed charges within 14 days of the date of the invoice.
4. I/We agree to fully pay the Department of Conservation for any invoice received on or before the due date.
5. I/We agree to pay all costs incurred (including interest, legal costs and debt recovery fees) to recover any money owing on this account.
6. I/We agree that the credit account provided by the Department of Conservation may be withdrawn by the Department of Conservation, if any terms and conditions of the credit account are not met.
7. I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my details to the Department's Debt Collection Agency in the event of non-payment of payable fees.

Declaration

I certify that the information provided on this application form and all attached additional forms and information is to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

Note: The Minister can vary any concession granted if the information given in this application contains inaccuracies.

Signature
(Applicant)



Date

15/10/2018

Signature (Witness)

Stephanie Parkyn

Date

15/10/2018

Witness Name

Witness Address



This application is made pursuant to Sections 17R and 17S of the Conservation Act 1987 [and (where applicable) Section 49 of the National Parks Act 1980/Section 59A of the Reserves Act 1977].

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the relevant provisions of the Conservation Act 1987, the Reserves Act 1977 and the National Parks Act 1980 relating to concessions.

Once the application is complete, the Minister has 20 days within which to advise the applicant whether the application is declined on the grounds that the application does not comply with or is inconsistent with the provisions of the Act or any relevant Conservation Management Strategy or Conservation Management Plan. If the Minister does not so advise the applicant the application will be processed in accordance with Section 17T of the Conservation Act 1987.

The purpose of collecting this information is to enable the Department to process your application. The Department will not use this information for any reason not related to that purpose.

Applicants should be aware that provisions of the Official Information Act might require that some or all information in this application be publicly released.

For Departmental use

Credit check undertaken

Comments :

Signed

**Approved (Tier 4 manager
or above)**

Name

Name