



Concession Application Form 3a – Tenanting or using existing DOC structure/facility

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

This form is to be used when the proposed activity is the tenanting or use of any existing facility or structure that is managed by the Department of Conservation on public conservation land. Examples may include permanent use of historic building for a business or a community group; leasing a campground or lodge. For overnight stays in DOC huts, please fill in Form 4a. This form is to be completed in conjunction with either Applicant Information Form 1a (longer term concession) or Applicant Information Form 1b (one-off concession) as appropriate.

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

A. Description of Activity

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

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

If necessary, attach further information including a map, a detailed site plan and drawings of proposal and label Attachment 3a:A1.

The proposed lease of the Dominion Observatory building and tunnels near the Wellington Botanic Gardens entrance in Kelburn will facilitate development of a national “bidirectional” multicast network project which will enable Stratum 1 NTP multicast “Time” signal/data for computers to be distributed nationally from the Observatory. Other real-time multicast science services such as location specific “gravity field strength measurements” will be designed, implemented and multicast to computers as was the Observatory’s original purpose. Nationally users will be able to multicast their own multimedia and telemetry using the “new” IPv6 multicast network which will be offered to the public, iwi, business, education and government. On occasion an area of the Observatory may be sublet to compatible parties.

Do you believe you need to exclude others from the structure or facility?

YES

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

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

Is exclusive possession necessary to protect public safety?

NO

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

YES

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

YES

If the answer to any of the above is yes, then provide details and supporting evidence and label Attachment 3a:A2.

The project, A Place and Time and Design will develop a national bidirectional multicast network. Public access would need to be supervised and recorded to meet public health and safety requirements under Covid Level One Level One and above. And to meet the normal legislative operational responsibilities for any building where public and staff intersect. Further, uncontrolled visitation is not possible due to nil disability access and a legacy bathroom that is not equipped for large numbers of users. A community engagement program for interested parties will be developed to promote the history and significant role of the Observatory.

B. Term

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

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

AWACS seeks a concession term of twenty year

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, please use NZTM GPS coordinates where possible. In column 2 list any special features of the environment or the recreation values of that area. Then in column 3 list any effects (positive or adverse) that your activity may have on the values or features in column 2. In column 4 list the ways you intend to mitigate, remedy or avoid any adverse effects noted in column 3. Please add extra information or supporting evidence as necessary and label Attachment 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
<i>EG: Tararua Forest Park</i>	<i>Northern rata - threatened species</i>	<i>Damage to the plants by construction</i>	<i>Brief construction and maintenance staff of the location and importance of the species; clearly tape off areas with the species to avoid damage</i>
Dominion Observatory	Historic Building	Nil	NA
Botanic Gardens			
Wellington			
34 Salamanca Road			
Wellington			

D. Bulk fuel storage

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

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

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

NO

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

E. Other

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

The "Place of Time and Design" project reimagines the Observatory within a contemporary context as a place of scientific, technical innovation and application, creative journeys and, will celebrate the Observatory's history with the production of short video and written material highlighting the role of those who worked and crafted there.