



## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 101**

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	David Seifert
Organisation	TASCI (TUROA Alpine Ski Club Inc.)
Date	20 January 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:

- 2.4) Licence term
- 2.5) Planned upgrades and improvements
- 3.3) PTL Aspirations
- 6) Environmental Impact

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

TASCI supports the licence terms applied for by PTL. We endorse PTL's stance that the licence term applied for is needed for funding of the planned infrastructure changes.

TASCI supports the PTL vision set out in the Environmental Impact section of their application.

TASCI believes PTL's planned infrastructure improvements reduce TUROA's impact on the environment.

Specifically removal of old infrastructure and replacement by modern infrastructure with a reduced footprint reduces the visual impact of lifts. Additionally PTL's plans enable non skiers to have an alpine experience.

From the perspective of TASCI members' new infrastructure will be beneficial by improving the skier/rider experience. It will also decreasing the risk of closure by adverse weather such as strong winds as well as decreasing the risk of ice delaying lift opening. PTL's plans for a snow factory and extending the Alpine Meadow will be of great value to our youngest skiers.

Our 80 members live and work in the towns of Ohakune and Raetihi and their surrounding countryside. Members, their parents & grandparents have seen the economic benefits Turoa has brought to our community. Our members involvement began with the development of the mountain road in the 1960's and the economic benefits have accelerated since the commercial development of TUROA in 1979

Our member's livelihoods and lives are rely on the winter visitor numbers to TUROA. Both the Mt Ruapehu eruptions and the Covid-19 lockdowns have dramatically highlighted the importance of winter tourism to Ohakune the southern Ruapehu region where our members live.

Our Club has a long history and association with the TUROA ski field. The Turoa Alpine Club was formed from a local tramping club in 1963. In 1970 it became the incorporated society TASCI and for several years from 1980 ran all the ski races at TUROA including the NZ Nationals.

Since 1992 TASCI has focused on enabling local children, mostly between the ages of 5 to 13, to learn to love & enjoy their maunga.

We do this through the ski programs we organise with TUROA.

Our heavily sponsored programs enable 80 local children to learn to ski and advance their ski skills.

This enhances their self-esteem and exposes them to employment opportunities related to snow sports.

This is important for our district which has above average unemployment and limited opportunities for young people.

We see a successful licence application by PTL as essential for the success of TUROA and the well-being of our town & district.

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.

There are no parts of the application we wish to amend. We wish to stress the importance of this application to protecting the environment and the local economy. The part time and full time employment TUROA ski field provides is only part of its impact on the local economy. The multiplier effect of the visitors to TUROA on all the other local businesses supports many more employment opportunities. Finally TASCi needs TUROA ski field to be run well with good infrastructure to enable our objective of enabling local children to love and enjoy their maunga.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 102

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

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Howard Davey
Organisation	family
Date	4/2/2024

## D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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- I **Oppose** this Application (I am making an objection).

## E. Hearing Request

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## F. Objection or submission

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

We need to move on, there has been too much talk and too many people especially RSSA who seem to have let their egos get in the way of moving forward. The bulk (by far) of creditors by dollar supported the earlier proposal and nearly a majority by number.

I suggest that having two independent operators for Turoa and Whakapapa will encourage competition and reflect the different natures of the two fields. I also suggest that there is too much at stake for the local communities to let this drag on longer.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I am a long-term skier and life pass holder (my family holds four life passes and all of us feel the time has come to move forward)

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

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 103**

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

Jeremy Hauer.

Organisation

Vertigo Climbing

Date

16/01/24

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## F. Objection or submission

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

The commercial Facility lease/License concession for the Ruapehu/Turoa ski area.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

My main reasons for support in this submissions is that without an operational ski area the Ruapehu district and many surrounding businesses will not be able to survive. Pure Turoa has more of my support than RAL ever did.

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.

Personally I feel that the concession time frame needs to be extended to a time frame of more than 10 years to match previous concessions and the sooner the better to help relieve all of the uncertainty.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 104**

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Dennis Jury
Organisation	The Ohakune Central Motels
Date	04/02/2024

## 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:

I agree with all parts of the application

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 105

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	C Ebisu
Organisation	
Date	4/02/2024

## 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:

Conservation and cultural values

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

The application does not state what the 'year-round controlled experiences for sightseers' are, or what 'low impact summer activities' are. What types of activities are 'any additional summer activities subject to further approvals'? And what kind of activities are these - 'PTL will launch limited and controlled summer activities'? Walking would be acceptable, but mountain biking would not.

The environment on Turoa is an extremely sensitive one and home to numerous New Zealand alpine flora and fauna. Such a sensitive environment should be carefully looked after. It is part of Tongariro National Park and also a World Heritage Site.

The mountain is sacred to various iwi and therefore, should not have any development on 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.

N/A

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 106

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	Brody Macbeth
Organisation	
Date	4.02.2024

## 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).

## 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:

2.5 – planned replacements. This is also covered in 5.2.1 and the indicative development plan  
5.2.6 ski area licences  
4.1.2 treaty of waitangi  
Appendix 5 PWC economic report 2014  
Appendix 7 PTL cashflow

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

2.5 PTL are planning to remove infrastructure that allows intermediate skiers to develop from beginners. Currently skiers can go from alpine meadow to the park lane to the Movenpick to the giant then onto the expert runs from the high noon. By removing park lane there is no intermediate – kids learning from parents will have to go from the alpine meadow to the Movenpick and that starts with difficult runs such as the boneyard. From there there is nothing they plan with the next and only lift up being the high noon. This is an expert level run. How do new skiers eg kids go from alpine meadow to the boneyard off the Movenpick and then jump straight up to the high noon with nothing in between.

They say they are reducing skier capacity but increasing the size of the café by 20%.

5.2.1 PTL say they are covering for all customer types eg families ect but as above, with the plans they have there is no intermediary transitional skill levels – its either very basic in alpine meadow, then goes to experienced intermediate via the Movenpick then straight to expert on the high noon. The loss of park lane as a transition from beginner in alpine meadow to the Movenpick is not catering for all skill levels, the loss of the giant as a transition to expert levels required on the high noon. It seems like they are catering to either absolute day tripping beginners in alpine meadow to experienced ski/boarders with nothing in between so not catering to all current customer types. In addition to this, having seen their price release for last years season when they thought they would be in operation, the prices were well beyond the offerings of RAL and ruling out almost all but those in the upper ends of income brackets. RAL has catered to all for so long, PTL seem to be elitist in its approach.

5.2.6 DOC believes one concessionaire has benefits and this has been shown for many years under RAL, a successful operation it was until the Gondola debt burden was fuelled by 2 covid years and a very warm summer. I doubt PTL could survive such a challenge of 3 seasons impacted like that. Last year RAL made a profit of 5 million dollars including CAPEX for maintenance, covering administration fees and receiver fees as per its annual report from PWC. Why is the process continuing to break up RAL and allow private bidders to come in and buy it all for \$1? It's appalling that this can happen and hasn't been stopped. I am a recent purchaser of life passes and have not had them long enough to realise this expense, I am a creditor and object to the assets the \$10,000 I contributed to let alone the thousands of others in the same boat watch those assets get sold for \$1 given this all hinges on the concession being granted. PTL have answered this 5.2.6 aspect by a simple statement that this is no longer relevant, it is relevant, splitting the mountain into two didn't work in the past, it will be history repeating itself.

4.1.2 Tongariro national park is under a treaty claim – allowing private operators in under a new concession during a treaty claim goes against the principles of the treaty.

Appendix 5 PWC economic report 2014 clearly states the benefit of RAL on the economy and the benefit in not paying dividends to shareholders and reinvests all profits into the mountain. PTL is a private operation with financial motivations for profits. The concessions should stay with RAL and RAL allowed to continue operating under the model of all profits staying with reinvestments and broader economic benefit. PTL have stated they are removing lifts and reducing mountain capacity on the Turoa side from 5500 to 4500, this reduces the economic benefit to the region but also will result in less staff.

Appendix 7 – PTL cashflow is all blacked out, given the financial aspect of this concession application, how can we fully assess it without such important figures. Much like the fact that all their management team and advisors are all blacked out as well....

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 108**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Craig Pope
Organisation	RAL Lift Pass Holder
Date	04/02/2024

## 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:

I strongly object to the concession being issued to Pure Turoa with regards to taking ownership and the running of the Turoa ski field for the reasons outlined in the RSSA objection.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

As per the RSSA Submission.

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.

As per the RSSA Submission.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 109

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Marysa Pope
Organisation	RAL Lift Pass Holder
Date	04/02/2024

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My reasons for my objection or submission are:

As per the RSSA Submission.

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

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As per the RSSA Submission.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 110

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Joshua Pope
Organisation	RAL Lift Pass Holder
Date	04/02/2024

## D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

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- I **Oppose** this Application (I am making an objection).

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My reasons for my objection or submission are:

As per the RSSA Submission.

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

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As per the RSSA Submission.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 111**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Samantha Fernandes
Organisation	
Date	3/02/24

## 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).

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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

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### Existing Concessions & length:

- The objection questions the need for new concessions given the existence of 60-year concessions for Tūroa held by Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL). Additionally, it raises concerns about the short-term 10 year lease to PTL to actively secure & invest in infrastructure and capital raising.

### Removal of Key Lifts:

- The objection expresses concern about the removal of key lifts, including the Nga Wai Heke chair, Giant Chair, and Wintergarden Platter, and highlights potential environmental damage, reduced ski uphill capacity, and adverse effects on public enjoyment.

### Reduced Skier Capacity and Public Access:

- The objection contests the proposed reduction in skier capacity from 5,500 to 4,500, emphasizing its impact on the public's right to access and enjoy the national park. It also raises concerns about potential price increases and reduced affordability for everyday kiwis in an already cost prohibitive sporting activity.

### Transparency Issues:

- The objection addresses transparency issues surrounding Pure Turoa Ltd's Governance and Management Team, as well as redacted financials in the concession application. Full disclosure is deemed necessary for assessing the applicant's capability to operate Tūroa Skifield.

### Iwi Opposition and Treaty Negotiations:

- The objection emphasizes numerous iwi objections over the past 16 months, citing letters to The Crown expressing concerns about the prejudicial impact on Tongariro National Park (TNP) Treaty negotiations. It highlights the potential for legal action and the historical context of failed engagement with iwi in a similar process.

### Uncertainty and Concession Issuance Process:

- The objection notes the uncertainty created by the issuance of new concessions over the past 16 months and points out the complexity of the process, cautioning against rushing the concession issuance.

### Whakapapa Considerations:

- The objection stresses that the concession application for Tūroa does not address a solution for Whakapapa, leaving the administration/liquidation/receivership of RAL to be resolved. It urges the consideration of a court-approved creditors compromise for RAL.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

### Financial Viability and Investment:

- Concerns are raised about the short 10-year concession's adequacy for operators to make significant investments and the potential impact on the financial sustainability of the skifields.

### Redundancy of New Concessions:

- The objection questions the necessity of issuing new concessions when long-term concessions for Tūroa are already in place, and it highlights the potential consequences of selling public raised intergenerational capital to private interests for \$1.

### Environmental and Recreational Impacts:

- Objections include potential environmental damage due to lift removal, reduced ski uphill capacity, and limitations on skiable terrain affecting public enjoyment.

### Public Access and Affordability:

- Concerns are voiced regarding the proposed reduction in skier capacity, potential price increases, and the impact on the public's right to access and enjoy the national park.

### Transparency and Applicant Capability:

- The objection emphasizes the importance of transparency in assessing the applicant's capability and raises concerns about redacted financial information. The fact that over \$56m in public funded intergenerational assets are being sold for \$1 without transparency from PTL is concerning.

### Iwi Consultation and Treaty Implications:

- Objecting based on the necessity of appropriate iwi consultation and the potential prejudicial impact on TNP Treaty negotiations.

Process Complexity and Uncertainty:

- The objection cites the historical complexity of concession issuance, emphasizing the need for careful consideration rather than rushed decisions.

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.

Evaluation of Concession Necessity:

- A reconsideration of the need for new concessions given the existing long-term concessions and the potential consequences of a creditors compromise for RAL.

Mitigation of Environmental and Recreational Impacts:

- Measures to address potential environmental damage from lift removal and strategies to manage reduced ski uphill capacity and terrain limitations.

Protection of Public Access and Affordability:

- Actions to safeguard the public's right to access and enjoy the national park, including addressing concerns about reduced skier capacity and potential price increases.

Enhanced Transparency and Applicant Capability Assessment:

- A requirement for full disclosure of financials and governance details in the concession application to facilitate a comprehensive assessment of the applicant's capability.

Inclusive Iwi Consultation and Treaty Considerations:

- A commitment to thorough iwi consultation and consideration of potential Treaty implications, aiming to avoid legal proceedings and respect iwi perspectives.

Careful and Considerate Concession Issuance:

- A cautious and careful approach to the concession issuance process, considering the complexity of negotiations and avoiding rushed decisions.

Whakapapa Resolution Consideration:

- Recognition of the need for a comprehensive solution that addresses the Whakapapa situation in conjunction with Turoa, potentially through a court-approved creditors compromise for RAL. Turoa and Whakapapa need to be operated as combined ski fields given the infrastructure investments, challenging weather & frequent closures to allow re-deployment of staff and resources across both sites.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 112

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	Thomas Begemann
Organisation	TiThom Hotels Ltd, Tithom Management Ltd, Metrotel New Plymouth Ltd, Hangaridge Estate, Ltd
Date	04/02/2024

## 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:

The lease and license to operate Turoa Ski Area.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Ohakune is an amazing town with a vibrant community and activities year-round. It is a small town that attracts visitors from all over the world. This success is driven by a combination of summer and winter activities. A large proportion of our community relies on businesses, who in turn are relying on the availability of these year round activities.

Without a ski area, Ohakune will lose its charm as a winter destination. Businesses that rely on winter visitors will lose customers, and in turn a significant proportion of them may have to shut down their operations. We have hospitality operations around the North Island. In Ohakune, we operate two motel / lodges (Snowhaven, Snowman Lodge), a restaurant (Rice Bar & Food) and a spa (Snowman Spa). Without A ski field, we will most likely close all off them. I expect other businesses to do the same. Because of this, the closure of the ski fields would have a horrible impact on the local community.

Pure Turoa appears to be the only viable operator to continue the ski field operation on Turoa. Their plans are thoughtful, with a great focus on future sustainability and the environment: <https://www.pureturoa.nz/environment>

Our group of companies supports this submission, because it will have a great impact on our local community and regional development, while maintaining great care towards the environment and sustainable objectives.

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.

Our group of companies fully supports the Pure Turoa application. I would like to give them flexibility to operate the Turoa ski area as they see fit, in order to maintain the economic and environmental stability that they require.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 113

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	Barry-John Murphy
Organisation	BaRebekah Trust
Date	05/02/2024

## 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:

We are writing in support of a concession being supplied to Pure Turoa to operate the ski field on the existing Turoa ski area that was managed by RAL.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Pure Turoa appear to be the only option to continue skiing on Mt Ruapehu, a sport and tourism operation that must continue to allow our region to prosper.

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.

There needs to remain public access to the ski field and mountain for those that are not using the services of Pure Turoa.

For example, under RAL management, there is only a small premium parking area that is utilized as paid parking, the remainder of the parking must remain free for use with no charging for parking other than the existing designated platinum pass parking. Currently tourists are able to walk up the mountain, free of charge, they are able to walk onto alpine meadow and play on the snow, free of charge; the only time they are required to hold a pass, is if they wish to use the lifts.

Free access to happy valley used to exist too, until it was closed off from the public; this should not happen on Turoa side, access to all areas must be permitted, and user pays only to use the services of the lift. So if a person wishes to try skiing or snowboarding on the alpine meadow or other facilities on the mountain, they can do so without payment, the only time payment should be required, is if they prefer to use the lifts rather than walk.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 114

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	Benedict Uy
Organisation	NA
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:

1. A 10 year concession.
2. Reduced facilities
3. Reduction in visitor numbers.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

1. A 10 year (+20 year) concession is too short to give the business the opportunity to invest in the area. The current concession is 50 years for RAL.
2. The removal of the Giant and Nga Wai Heke lifts could lead to longer queues for the High Noon Express. There are currently long queues on the High Noon Express with the Giant running. This would also make the Giant Café inaccessible to inexperienced riders, requiring a ride up High Noon to get there.
3. The longer queues would invariable lead to a reduction in visitors at Turoa. There is also a goal to reduce the number of visitors in general. This would lead to a higher price per person for usage of the facilities, which again could reduce visitor numbers.

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.

Provide longer concession for PTL to give them an opportunity to invest into the facilities. Either a new 50 year concession or the ability to take over the current concession given to RAL.

Reduction of visitors could lead to reduced people visiting Turoa and Ohakune affecting the businesses in the area. A realistic business plan should be done to see the viability of the operation. Many people may not go to Turoa, even if it is the preferred side, if it costs a lot more and you spend more time waiting in line. If the price point is too high people will go elsewhere, for instance Queenstown, particularly if the prices are similar. The loss in tourism will negatively affect the local businesses.

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

# OBJECTION OR SUBMISSION



Department of  
Conservation  
*Te Papa Atātū*

New Zealand Government

## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 115**

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

Lynne rankin

Organisation

Date

5 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:

Getting rid of infrastructure and only going for 10 years

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I believe 10 years is not enough time to take care of the infrastructure already there, and it will not be kept up to date and serviced.

I don't think its in skiers interests to get rid of any infrastructure already on the mountain

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.

-How the future is going to go forward for the mountain and the community - 10 years is not looking at long term  
-Keeping all the infrastructure there and not removing any of it - instead updating and servicing it well

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**A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant** **SUB 116**

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	Clive Manley
Organisation	Ruapehu District Council
Date	5 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. Submission

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

Continuation of the operation of the Turoa Ski field

My reasons for my submission are:

The winter Ski operation of the Ruapehu Ski fields is a very significant contributor to our regional economy.

RAL went into Voluntary Administrator in October 2022 and the Crown and ANZ have supported work to continue on the Tūroa and Whakapapa ski-fields to enable seasons to progress.

Ruapehu District Council gives its wholehearted support for any company who has the means to operate either or both the Tūroa and Whakapapa ski-fields.

We would stress the urgency of a solution being found, as it would be devastating for the Ruapehu economy, employment, and community well-being if the ski-fields cease to operate.

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.

Continuation of the operation of the Turoa Ski field

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## G. Attachments

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 117**

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	Linda Inkster
Organisation	Beech Tree lodge 3 Golf Cours Road Ohakune
Date	5/02/204

## 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 for immediate licence to operate.

We work and have lived for over 40 years in Ohakune. We have a commercial investment in tourism connections to the mountains of Tongariro National Park.

While there are reasons to consider delaying the granting of concessions until after Te Tiriti o Waitangi claims have been settled,

A collaboratively approach to move forward with all iwi to grant PTL immediate licence to operate a is the best way forward we believe.

We believe that not granting a concession to PTL would have even more impact on the economy culture and environment of the Central plateau & New Zealand Tourism

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

Given the large capital investment shown in the indicative development plan the term of the concession will need consideration on extending it to a longer term for provide sufficient time for payback of the capital investment required to remove and replacement lifts. The benefits of the new lifts plan & removal of the old will be of high benefit to the environment & respect of the Munga.

2. **Future Proof** in the lease document for climate change which will potentially change the future of snow sports on Mt Ruapehu. Provision needs to be addressed in the lease document for boundary changes within the longer term & allowance for more snowmaking facilities due to the climate that respect the environment cultural so that the commercial ski areas on Mt Ruapehu and communities don't become economically unviable which ensure that popular and rewarding alpine snow sports can continue on the manga well into the future for other generations.

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How do I submit my objection or submission?

## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 118

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	Michael Watson
Organisation	
Date	05/02/2024

## 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.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I wish to provide general support for the entire application, especially the proposal to remove/upgrade lifts so that they sit within a more central corridor.

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 119**

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	Patricia Austin
Organisation	
Date	5 <sup>th</sup> 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:

1. Removal of lifts to teaching / intermediate ski areas
2. Concentration of new “spine” lifts will result in increased adverse effects from vehicles travelling up the mountain road at speed to be first in (what promises to be) very long queues.
3. Proposals for snow-making in response to increased temperatures etc due to climate change
4. Unclear responsibilities for removal of structures / infrastructure when operation ceases
5. Consultation with iwi and hapu

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

### **1. Removal of lifts to teaching / intermediate ski areas**

The proposal to remove the lower lifts takes away any possibilities on the skifield for skiers with some basic skills to learn more before venturing up to the higher slopes. The proposals for expanding the learning areas at the base of the ski-field will not address this issue, as it is way too flat. This is a Health and Safety issue – as inexperienced skiers will be trying to manage the higher slopes, probably resulting in more accidents and injuries etc ... with consequent need to assist injured skiers off the mountain. It is also an environmental issue, as the lack of an intermediary learning area on the lower / middle slopes will increase the likely need for more snow making on the learning area at the base of the ski-field.

### **2. Concentration of new “spine” lifts will result in increased adverse effects from vehicles travelling up the mountain road at speed to be first in (what promises to be) very long queues.**

The current layout of 3 lifts at the base area spreads some of the activity so that no one queue dominates. With fewer lifts available at the base area, the queues for any one lift will increase. This will potentially result in a downstream impact on traffic flows, as skiers rush to reach the base area earlier and earlier (to beat the queues). This speeding up the mountain will likely increase, if the proposal is to operate the mountain with a smaller number of skiers. The possibilities of increased traffic activity on the road (with speeding drivers wanting to ensure that they are nearer the front of the queue) are not discussed in this application – either with regard to environmental effects or health and safety of speeding drivers and their passengers. This should be reconsidered. Nor are any traffic management plans supplied to lessen this potential impact – including the provision for more buses etc.

### **3. Proposals for snow-making in response to increased temperatures etc due to climate change**

Environmentally there are very significant impacts of increased snow-making activity. The various parts of the application do not address these impacts in sufficient detail – it simply notes that there are water supplies, which are likely to be suitable for the current circumstances. However, given the time frame for the application (10 yrs + a further 20 yrs etc) over which period temperatures are expected to rise significantly, it is important that the application addresses the likely increase in snow-making activities and the possible environmental and cultural effects, that will be needed to keep the skifield operational.

No future plan (over the lifetime – 10 years – of the concessions is supplied as to what the environmental effects of increased snow-making operations might be ... or how the applicant proposes addressing these effects.



#### **4. Unclear responsibilities for removal of structures / infrastructure when operation ceases**

Given that the non-profit RAL has run into financial difficulties, it seems that the financial feasibility of PTL (a private company seeking to make a profit) being able to operate without significant public support has to be questioned. The future operating environment for ski-fields world-wide has to be questioned given temperature rises with climate change. This application is not clear on what will happen to the physical infrastructure that the company proposes erecting on the mountain, should the company fail etc.

Who will be responsible for removing the proposed infrastructure – the lifts, buildings, and infrastructure – from the mountain at the end of the concession period? Who will pay for this? How will this be done in an environmentally and culturally appropriate way? Have the consultations with iwi and hapu considered this possibility? Is there a clear plan for potential removal of all of this infrastructure, as part of this application?

This has parallels with the timber industry – where the existing resource consents did not require timber companies to clean up their operations when an area was logged resulting in slash having significant impacts on communities down-stream. We have to consider the end of an operation as well as the beginning.

In the case of this mountain, the UNESCO status and the cultural, heritage and environmental values are so significant that the end-of lease and / or cessation of operations arrangements (for returning the mountain to its pristine state) are front and centre of an consideration of this application.

#### **5. Consultation with iwi and hapu**

Whilst the application refers to some level of consultation with 2 iwi / hapu details are scarce, and much of the discussion is about proposals for future co-management type arrangements. This raises a number of questions. Operation of a skifield on one part of the Tongariro complex raises cultural issues for all iwi that have a relationship with the mountain.

How have these consultations taken place?

Who has been invited to what types of meetings?

There are some references to informal discussions that have been undertaken – what does this mean? Until the Treaty issues are fully settled there is a significant concern that some iwi / hapu will not have been fully and properly consulted and some cultural issues will have been ignored – but this application is for a 10 yrs plus 20 yrs time frame, which is potentially a long time to live with these inadequate consultations.

There is a huge difference between “consultation” and an approach verging on “co-management”. How exactly is this proposal for a form of co-management structure meant to work in practice – simply having 3 members of (which?) iwi on a committee etc is a very low-level of expression of a co-management approach?

Where in the application is any evidence supplied that “co-management” has been discussed with all concerned parties?

Where in the application is there any clear evidence that “co-management” is envisaged at a level that will support continued UNESCO status? Note UNESCO status can be taken away – see the recent removal of UNESCO status in Liverpool UK, as a result of inappropriate redevelopment of a heritage area.

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.

**1. Removal of lifts to teaching / intermediate ski areas**

A complete reconsideration of this proposal. And a detailed plan of where and how the company will provide learning opportunities for intermediate skiers.

**2. Concentration of new “spine” lifts will result in increased adverse effects from vehicles travelling up the mountain road at speed to be first in (what promises to be) very long queues.**

A concentration on a smaller number of lifts should be reconsidered in this proposal. A detailed traffic management plan over the 10 yrs plus 20 years period, should be supplied for consideration by DoC.

**3. Proposals for snow-making in response to increased temperatures etc due to climate change**

A detailed assessment of the likely environmental and cultural effects of significantly increased snow-making activities (over the 10 yrs plus 20 yrs life of the application) should be supplied – including a detailed plan for how the applicant proposes addressing these affects.

**4. Unclear responsibilities for removal of structures / infrastructure when operation ceases**

This application needs to provide details on what will happen to the physical infrastructure that the company proposes erecting on the mountain, should the company fail etc. Who will be responsible for removing the proposed infrastructure – the lifts, buildings, and infrastructure – from the mountain at the end of the concession period? Who will pay for this? How will this be done in an environmentally and culturally appropriate way? Have the consultations with iwi and hapu considered this possibility? Is there a clear plan for potential removal of all of this infrastructure, as part of this application?

In the case of this mountain, the UNESCO status and the cultural, heritage and environmental values are so significant that the end-of lease and / or cessation of operations arrangements (for returning the mountain to its pristine state) are front and centre of an consideration of this application.

**5. Consultation with iwi and hapu**

This application is very inadequate in terms of conulation with iwi and hapu. Given the significant cultural value of the mountain complex to Maori, (and its UNESCO status) this is of great concern and must be addressed. And there are issues of proceeding with this application (for potentially a 30 year time period) whilst Treaty claims are awaiting settlement.

But, notwithstanding the Treaty claims, this application should provide much more detail on exactly which organisations have been consulted, in what way, involving who etc. References to “informal consultation” are not appropriate. Nor does the application address the huge differences between “consultation” and an approach verging on “co-management”. Details on how these “co-management” arrangements will work in practice and how have they been consulted on, given the 10 yrs plus 20 yrs timeframe are needed as part of this application.

There needs to be clear evidence in the application that the type of “co-management” envisaged will be at a level that will support continued UNESCO status.

Note UNESCO status can be taken away – see the recent removal of UNESCO status in Liverpool UK, as a result of inappropriate redevelopment of a heritage area.

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**From:** Heather  
**To:** [Mtruapehusubmissions](mailto:Mtruapehusubmissions)  
**Subject:** Pure Tūroa  
**Date:** Monday, 5 February 2024 12:01:59 pm

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SUB 120

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I Heather Murphy support Pure Turoas application to Operate Turoa.

We have enjoyed exclusively skied Turoa for many years and **Sec 9(2)(a)** we wish to be able to continue to do this.

I feel that Pure Turoas right to operate Turoa will continue to be an asset to both Businesses and Land owners in Ohakune and give work opportunities to Local families.

Regards

Heather Murphy.

Sent from my iPad



## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 121

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

Dr Jennifer Zampese

Organisation

Date

5/02/2024

## 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 **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 our community is dependent on the continued operation of Turoa skifield. <sup>Sec 9(2)(a)</sup>

It is best for all the community for the new operators to be installed as soon as possible to give certainty for the upcoming season.

I have read the submission by Pure Turoa and I feel their proposal is solid and I **support** their operation of Turoa skifield. I look forward to seeing the skifield under their management.

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 **grant the concessions** sought by Pure Turoa Ltd to operate Turoa Ski Area. I encourage review of the 10 year time period so the concession is sufficient for the timeline for upgrading the lifts.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 122

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	Raylee Campbell
Organisation	
Date	05/02/24

## 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:

I wish to support the application by Pure Turoa Ltd

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I support this application for the sake of the local communities around Mt Ruapehu. It is vital that the ski field continues to operate for the Livelihood of those that live and have businesses in the region, the Tourist Industry and Ski Sports in the North Island. It is also important that the infrastructure is not left unused for a season as it will degrade to the point of being inoperational.

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.

Clearly climate change is going to impact the viability of operating the ski field into the future and consideration should be made in terms of access to higher terrain. I would also suggest that a 10 year concession is too short a time frame and would urge this to be increased to 50 years in order to give the business more certainty in terms of their investment.

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**From:** Sec 9(2)(a)  
**To:** [Mtruapehusubmissions](mailto:Mtruapehusubmissions)  
**Subject:** Pure Tūroa  
**Date:** Monday, 5 February 2024 12:08:04 pm

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**SUB 123**

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I Andrew Murphy support Pure Turoas application to operate Turoa skifield.I am a Life Member of RAL  
My family has skied exclusively at Turoa for the last 50 years. We Sec 9(2)(a) would like  
to continue to ski at Turoa.

I feel that Pure Turoas right to operate will be of huge benefit to the local businesses and provide an opportunity  
for employment both in the town and on the mountain for locals.

Regards

Andrew Murphy



## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 124**

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	Karli Joll
Organisation	
Date	05/02/2024

## 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:

Lease and licence to operate Turoa Ski Area on Mt Ruapehu in Tongariro National Park.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I support this application as I believe Pure Turoa Ltd will do a good job of sustainably and respectfully operating a ski area at Turoa. <sup>Sec 9(2)(a)</sup> My whanau and I have skied at Mt Ruapehu for many years and have a strong connection to the maunga. Having a successfully run ski operation at Turoa is extremely important for the mana of the locals in Ohakune and surrounding areas. Having access to such a wonderful asset at Turoa is a gift for the wider peoples of NZ. As well as my own love for skiing it is also a great activity for the children with disabilities that I work with in my role as a physiotherapist. Adaptive skiing at Turoa has been well supported and I look forward to seeing that continue so that a diverse range of people can enjoy this special place.

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.

Pure Turoa Limited should be granted licence to operate Turoa ski area on Mt Ruapehu. Kia ora.

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

## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 125

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	Cheryl Smith
Organisation	
Date	05.02.24

## 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:

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 126

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	Daniel Smith
Organisation	n.a
Date	05 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:

I support the granting of the concession in its entirety. In particular, I support the proposal to have the concession granted for 10 years with the requested 20 year extension.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

### **The submission balances environmental protection with economic, social and cultural importance**

Tūroa ski field is a significant feature of the North Island. It is far more than just a place to have ski, snowboard, or sled, it represents an economic lifeline for the surrounding townships and their residents, a piece of history and cultural significance, and a way for people to escape the stress, consumerism and loneliness that unfortunately characterises much of everyday life.

Mt Ruapehu also represents an area of immense natural beauty, and biodiversity. These two sides of the mountain are not mutually exclusive. Tūroa ski field has, is and will be an example of how these two sides can not only coexist, but amplify each other. The proposed plan by Pure Tūroa Limited strikes that balance.

TPL has proposed a plan for the ski area which would see the beauty and environmental features of Ruapehu preserved, and restored. After digesting the 277 pages, I feel the proposal is quite simple: make more efficient what is needed, remove what's not.

### **Long term investment will mean better environmental outcomes**

It is clear from the submissions that the proposed infrastructure upgrades and removal will benefit the natural environment, and make its use more efficient. That is key to the success of better striking the balance by allowing TPL the timeframes needed to make the upgrades possible, and economically viable.

### **Denying the concession will impact the local economy and climate change**

Finally, it is important to recognise the reality and consequences of the concession. Without this concession it is abundantly clear that the ski area at Tūroa will cease. This will be economically devastating to the business' of the surrounding towns, and the resident's that rely on them for income.

In my times at Tūroa I have found myself surrounded by people from across the North Island who derive a deep joy and pleasure from this facility. People from Whanganui, Napier, Auckland, <sup>Sec 9(2)(a)</sup> [REDACTED]. If Tūroa ceases to operate, many people will lose access to these activities.

For those fortunate enough to afford it, they will continue to pursue this sport but from afar, travelling to South Island ski fields and abroad. Instead of having access to nearby, local fields they will fly long distances to access the same amenities. Air travel remains a significant contributor to New Zealand's emissions – 12% in 2023. As part of your statutory obligation under s 7(i) of the Resource Management Act 1991, I urge you to consider the impact on climate change that these additional flights will have.

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.

Approve the concession.

Grant a minimum 10 year term, and minimum extensions up to 20 years.



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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 127

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	Ivan Jones
Organisation	Sportive NZ Ltd
Date	5 <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:

Full Submission

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Pure Turoa will provide significant commercial, employment and recreational opportunities for the Ruapehu district and the wider NZ 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.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 128**

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Simon Davis
Organisation	n/a
Date	2024-01-05

## 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:

D: Exclusive possession  
G Bulk Fuel Storage  
Treaty Partner consultation  
Cultural value  
Rubbish and waste

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

- 1) I object to granting a concession to a company that retains profits and has a motive for not respecting the maunga. I do not believe it is in best interests of mountain users, the community, or the environment to allow the concession to be changed from the current holder.  
I suggest having the concession granted to tangata whenua and/or a cooperative/community organisation, as it is at the moment, is the most beneficial for the National Park
- 2) The background experience of the applicant (E p6) is referred to, but not adequately described in the application. Without this I cannot support the application.  
I note that this is a new company without experience in operating a concession or working with Tangata Whenua. I fear commercial considerations will override potential benefits for the environment and mountain users of granting this concession. Further the experience of the applications cannot be evaluated due to the redaction of their names.
- 3) I object to the (D p6) exclusive possession of land outside the footprint of the buildings. Historically this area has been an access point to the wider mountain and nothing in concession should reduce or restrict this.
- 4) (G p7) bulk storage of fuel. I believe that for environmental reasons bulk storage of fuel should be minimised or eliminated from the National Park. The submission refers to the sterling work done by the current concession holder to reduce and manage this, but does not go further in reducing or eliminating storage.
- 5) There should only be once concession for snow activities on Mt Ruapehu, covering Whakapapa and Turoa.
- 6) (2.2) "The only exception would be the removal of the Ngā Wai Heke lift. This would be added to the redundant features list to be removed by DoC over the following 3 years."  
Granting of this concession should not obligate DoC to have to carry out any work. Removal of building or other fixtures should be totally the responsibility of PTL.
- 7) (6.6) I do not believe that social and economic benefits can be maximised by having two concessionaires on Mt Ruapehu. The failure of Tūroa Ski Resort Limited is an example of this. RAL did not pay dividends to shareholders.
- 8) (6.7) Will PTL continue to provide a ski patrol service? The application does not specify this.
- 9) There is no rationale for the government (Kānoa) to invest in and own part of PTL and thus the concession when other ownership models exist.
- 10) Evidence from treaty partners supporting this concession has not been produced
- 11) The company appears unaware of the need to reduce emissions to protect winter sport and the wider environment. It does not suggest electrification of vehicles for example, the use of batteries rather than generators, and appears to promote "car club meetups (p31).

The concession should remain with RAL whose "RAL's 2011 plans were far more extensive than PTL's plans (page 27). The RAL model was successful for over 6 decades and provided strong overall benefits including, safety, efficiencies, and quality and availability of skier experience. This does not change and remains relevant. RAL reinvested all profits back into the ski fields, community, and environment. RAL did not pay dividends to shareholders. RAL's upgrades are relied upon by this application.

It seems that much of the material and resources relied upon by this application were produced by the current concessionaire. This further supports the conclusion that RAL are better placed to hold the concession.

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.

Rubbish and waste: (p17) The concessionaire should provide rubbish bags etc

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 129**

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	Sam Gribben
Organisation	Life Pass holder
Date	5 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:

The whole thing

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I support this because they will do an excellent job of looking after the maunga as well as the local community

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.

Grant the application

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 130**

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	Adrian Davis
Organisation	n/a
Date	2024-01-05

## 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

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D: Exclusive possession  
G Bulk Fuel Storage  
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Rubbish and waste

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

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- 10) Evidence from treaty partners supporting this concession has not been produced
- 11) The company appears unaware of the need to reduce emissions to protect winter sport and the wider environment. It does not suggest electrification of vehicles for example, the use of batteries rather than generators, and appears to promote "car club meetups (p31).

The concession should remain with RAL whose "RAL's 2011 plans were far more extensive than PTL's plans (page 27). The RAL model was successful for over 6 decades and provided strong overall benefits including, safety, efficiencies, and quality and availability of skier experience. This does not change and remains relevant. RAL reinvested all profits back into the ski fields, community, and environment. RAL did not pay dividends to shareholders. RAL's upgrades are relied upon by this application.

It seems that much of the material and resources relied upon by this application were produced by the current concessionaire. This further support the conclusion that RAL are better place to hold the concession.

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.

Rubbish and waste: (p17) The concessionaire should provide rubbish bags etc

Cultural values (P17) The concessionaire should consult with iwi; ensure cultural interpretation is consistent with iwi values; educate clients

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 131**

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	Sian Davis
Organisation	n/a
Date	2024-02-05

## 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:

D: Exclusive possession  
G Bulk Fuel Storage  
Treaty Partner consultation  
Cultural value  
Rubbish and waste

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

- 1) I object to granting a concession to a a company that retains profits and has a motive for not respecting the maunga. I do not believe it is in best interests of mountain users, the community, or the environment to allow the concession to be changed from the current holder.  
I suggestion having the concession granted to tangata whenua and/or a cooperative/community organisation, as it is at the moment, is the most beneficial for the National Park
- 2) The background experience of the applicant (E p6) is referred to, but not adequately described in the application. Without this I cannot support the application.  
I note that this is a new company without experience in operating a concession or working with Tangata Whenua. I fear commercial considerations will override potential benefits for the environment and mountain users of granting this concession. Further the experience of the applications cannot be evaluated due to the redaction of their names.
- 3) I object to the (D p6) exclusive possession of land outside the footprint of the buildings. Historically this area has been an access point to the wider mountain and nothing in concession should reduce or restrict this.
- 4) (G p7) bulk storage of fuel. I believe that for environmental reasons bulk storage of fuel should be minimised or eliminated from the National Park. The submission refers to the sterling work done by the current concession holder to reduce and manage this, but does not go further in reducing or eliminating storage.
- 5) There should only be once concession for snow activities on Mt Ruapehu, covering Whakapapa and Turoa.
- 6) (2.2) "The only exception would be the removal of the Ngā Wai Heke lift. This would be added to the redundant features list to be removed by DoC over the following 3 years."  
Granting of this concession should not obligate DoC to have to carry our any work. Removal of building or other fixtures should be totally the responsibility to PTL.
- 7) (6.6) I do not believe that social and economic benefits can be maximised by having two concessionaires on Mt Ruapehu. The failure of Tūroa Ski Resort Limited is an example of this. RAL did not pay dividends to shareholders.
- 8) (6.7) Will PTL continue to provide a ski patrol service? The application does not specify this.
- 9) There is no rationale for the government (Kānoa) to invest in and own part of PTL and thus the concession when other ownership models exist.
- 10) Evidence from treaty partners supporting this concession has not been produced
- 11) The company appears unaware of the need to reduce emissions to protect winter sport and the wider environment. It does not suggest electrification of vehicles for example, the use of batteries rather than generators, and appears to promote "car club meetups (p31).

The concession should remain with RAL whose "RAL's 2011 plans were far more extensive than PTL's plans (page 27). The RAL model was successful for over 6 decades and provided strong overall benefits including, safety, efficiencies, and quality and availability of skier experience. This does not change and remains relevant. RAL reinvested all profits back into the ski fields, community, and environment. RAL did not pay dividends to shareholders. RAL's upgrades are relied upon by this application.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 132

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	Leah Sims
Organisation	N/A
Date	05/02/2024

## 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.
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## F. Objection or submission

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

1. Introduction, 3. PTL (specifically 3.3 PTL Aspirations), 6. Environmental Impacts Assessment (specifically 6.1 General Assessment, 6.2 Cultural Values, 6.5 Recreational Values, 6.6 Social and Economical Effects, 6.8 Climate Change, 6.9 Quality of Visitor Experience and 6.10 Summary of Effects), and 8. Conclusion.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Recreational activities were what initially brought me to Mt Ruapehu in my childhood, some 25 years ago. Passion for and commitment to those opportunities continued to the present. In recent times there has been the serious need to consider the development of potential social and economic impacts on my life, beginning with the receivership of RAL. The result today is my unwavering support for the PTL application, having read their substantial documentation, hence this positive submission.

I have been enjoying snow sports on Mt Ruapehu since those very first visits, and commuting every season given these ski fields are the only easily accessible natural ones in the North Island (a strong point which PTL make in their application) religiously for the last 20 of those 25 plus years <sup>Sec 9(2)(a)</sup>

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I want my two young daughters to have the same opportunities in the Tongariro National Park that I have had: learning and participating in snow sports, access to the unique and special taonga that is the upper part of Mt Ruapehu, developing a love and care for our environment <sup>Sec 9(2)(a)</sup> in or around the ski fields in order to give back to the community that has given so much to us and does and will to them. I believe this will not be possible without Pure Turoa taking over the ski field operations.

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Without the employment provided to our region by the snow industry our permanent community population would begin to diminish. It would be potentially catastrophic for our family should Pure Turoa's application not go ahead as there would be a risk that the ski fields would not operate again, thus whanau are forced to leave the area. This threatens both of our livelihoods.

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The reasoning for this is that I believe that a lot of whanau would be forced out of our area due to lack of work, tourism and general lifestyle opportunities. <sup>Sec 9(2)(a)</sup>

Whilst there are other bushwalks and biking tracks in the area that we also enjoy, there would not be access to snow sports or tramping higher up in the National Park. Pure Turoa would make this



accessible. Friends and family, then their associates, would have less reason to visit without access to the snow and a thriving community culture. Sport/fitness/physical activity are a fundamental part of my life and others in our area feel the same, not to mention that it is an important part of being healthy. The ski fields being under jeopardy would have a direct impact on our health and wellbeing<sup>Sec 9(2)(a)</sup>

This,<sup>Sec 9(2)(a)</sup> it is all a very scary thought. It is hugely important to us and many others in similar situations that PTL, as the preferred candidate according to the government and (we believe) the majority of our local community, are successful with their application.

Some further positive things that we appreciate Pure Turoa Ltd putting into their application are the intentions to improve quality of visitor experience and their foresights into climate change, cultural impact, environmental impact and to ensuring longevity in their success by means of:

- The educational additions/improvements with offerings on the tikanga, history and cultural aspects of the area.
- Reduction in visitor capacity numbers.
- Offering shuttles making the fields more accessible for a lower financial outlay which, in turn, is better for the environment whilst reducing congestion up the mountain.
- Future-proofing the sport around climate change with their plans for snow making.
- Ensuring current infrastructure is used effectively, lessening the environmental footprint.
- I note and support the huge lengths they are going to go to reinstate the natural environment following their work and to blend this into the environment.
- The conservative approach in their request for the gradual licence renewal terms and extensions following review is to be commended, so as to be transparent and ensure they are working within their requirements responsibly.
- The mention of potential summer use of the National Park in which PTL are looking to enable year-round access to the National Park via the road, facilities and ski lifts offers huge potential given we are also keen hikers and mountain bikers. This would further ensure recreational benefits to us and many others in our region, as well as offering further economic windfalls for our region through tourism and the associated enterprises such as the accommodation, entertainment, food and beverage industries.

Finally, and arguably most importantly, in the last paragraph of the Executive Summary PTL states that they are:

*"brought together by a shared passion for Turoa snow sports and an understanding of how crucially important it is to the economic and social fabric of the region."*

If nothing else, this comment alone is enough to get our family's full support of what they are trying to achieve. They are clearly looking beyond their own financial benefits and trying to create something for everyone, so that continued enjoyment of our national park and all that it offers as well as livelihood of so many in the surrounding areas is sustained. In this same paragraph, the Executive Summary states that:

*"The PLT team includes ski industry experts with long-serving, dedicated Turoa ski workers backed by financial and management professionals with access to the capital required to take Turoa to the next level."*

This builds trust for those coming on board to make it happen and to not have us end up in the same position we are now with these ski areas facing extinction. Finally, again in this paragraph, it states:

*"PTL's business model is anchored on strong environmental and cultural values."*

These are values that we personally, and most in our community, hold extremely high. PTL have read the room well.

Whilst personally we would need to invest more into passes when I have already purchased a life pass from RAL (which is going to be a struggle) we still see this as a worthwhile investment, not only into a sport that gives us a great deal of joy and which we want our children and community to have access to, but in supporting a company that endeavours to preserve culture, educate New Zealanders and foreigners on our area and allow equal access for all persons, able-bodied or less-able, to a very special part of our world. Further to this they would be supporting the local economy to thrive all year, allowing our beautiful town and the people that live in it to do so as well.

In summary, our story is one of many I am sure you will read <sup>Sec 9(2)(a)</sup> who would find the closure of the ski fields a life changing event with significant negative implications. Impacting us not only recreationally, but socially and economically. In our opinion it is vital to our livelihoods and those of others in our area that have invested everything to live, work and bring up our families here, that this application is granted and that PTL's intentions and endeavours are afforded the chance to come to fruition.

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 – this submission is in FULL support of the entirety of the Pure Turoa Ltd Application. I believe they have put in the required due diligence prior to this application and therefore have done so in a way that they believe is achievable and therefore they will succeed. A successful, operating Ski Area on Mt Ruapehu is all we want and therefore I will fully support this company in their efforts to make that happen.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 133

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	Mark Smith
Organisation	Private individual
Date	5/02/2024

## 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.
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## F. Objection or submission

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

All parts

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Turoa ski field, now more than ever, needs sound financial and operational management over a reasonable time frame. The submission by Pure Turoa Ltd is in my opinion the most comprehensive and realistic submission received by DOC to achieve this outcome. We believe DOC, the current employees of RAL (in liquidation), taxpayers, residents and business owners of the Central Plateau, tourists and the public at large are best served by DOC approving the lease and license to operate Tūroa Ski Area for 10 years.

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

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Aiden Gilbert  
Chair - Uenuku Charitable Trust  
Te Korowai o Wainuiārua  
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SUB 134

6 February 2024  
Mount Ruapehu Submissions Inbox  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
Per e mail; [mtruapehusubmissions@doc.govt.nz](mailto:mtruapehusubmissions@doc.govt.nz)

Tena koe

**Submission re: Application for a concession (licence and Lease) sought by Pure Turoa Limited  
To operate the Turoa Ski Area – Application No. 109883-SKI**

**1 The submission**

***I oppose the Application.*** I seek to appear in person, to speak to my submission, before the lead officer of the Department of Conservation and/or the Minister of Conservation, as appropriate in the submission process. This, to give voice to the rights and responsibilities of Te Korowai o Wainuiārua, to its beneficiaries under the Treaty of Waitangi claimant settlement process.

**2 Reasons for opposition to the Application**

**Breach of the principle of good faith:**

- *The Notification time span for submissions spans December 2023 and January 2024* being the national holiday period when affected iwi parties are not available for internal consultation to develop an effective and informed submission. It is manifest that this period was selected to expedite the procedural demands of public service timetables regarding obedience to the Government's funding cycle with the result that iwi settlement and post settlement procedural needs and timeframes are completely disregarded.
- *The public sector agencies: DOC, MBIE, Te Arawhiti are implicated in the Treaty settlement process.* Thereby they are fully informed of the aspirations and expectations of iwi settlement groups pursuant to the Treaty of Waitangi. Knowing this they nonetheless are colluding in the desire of DOC to expedite the notification and submission process, to align with the funding cycles that are out of step with iwi settlement timetabling and processes, sufficient to obstruct the time and resources to be made available for claimants to consolidate their responsibilities to beneficiaries of the settlements to be satisfied appropriately.
- *Cumbersome application documentation.* The volume of 277 pages: was not presented with pagination, contents page, or executive summary to assist navigation and clarity of the key issues. Further they were not presented with transparency of all information. What they included, in breach of the principle of good faith, were, as follows:
  - Redaction that obscured:
    - Record of engagement for consultation by the Applicant
    - The identification of the Applicant
    - The identification of e mail correspondents

**3 Lack of evidence to support economic viability of the Application:**

- *Opinion without substance:*
  - Opinion of consultants, for example, PWC, is descriptive at best.
  - The Application does not include financial projections-cash flow – to demonstrate viability. Any citing of 'commercial sensitivity' is not acceptable in this case: given the

deep, historical and cultural values of iwi in particular, and the community in general, that are at stake.

- *Pure Turoa Limited was incorporated as recently as June 2023;*
  - There is no track record of their ability to conduct an enterprise to validate any award of the Concession to the Applicant.
  - Yet, imminently after their incorporation, the Crown, through the media announced its support of the Applicant. At the very least this bespeaks of collusion beyond the vision of, or any justifiable accountability to, affected parties, in particular, iwi interests' rights with responsibilities to their beneficiaries. It is notable that the Crown is aware of this, yet negligent of its own responsibilities in any settlement processes that would be conducted in good faith.

#### **4 Treaty of Waitangi claimant hearing: Tongariro National Park Enquiry, yet to occur:**

- *Term of the Concession in the Application*

The Term is for 10 years, with a review timetabled for 3 years. This is unacceptable as being out of step with the timetabling, yet to be set, of the Tongariro National Park Enquiry. This is known by the public sector agencies and the Crown, who support the Applicant: against the interests, rights and responsibilities of iwi claimants, Te Korowai o Wainuiārua, in particular.

#### **5 Conduct of the Applicant**

- The Applicant purports to have consulted iwi and included their views in consideration of the Application; as reported in the media, recently: The Ruapehu Bulletin and the Taumarunui Bulletin. The iwi has no satisfaction on this matter, at all. Nor were there any points of proof of this cited in the media articles.
- The point of the articles, above, was to campaign the public to support the Application. This is outside the integrity of any submission process that should be monitored by the consenting authority, in this case, the Department of Conservation. That is has not been so monitored, indicates a bias by the Department of Conservation and the Crown, against the justifiable rights and interests of iwi in particular, and the community in general.
- It may be deduced, given the expedience of the application, notification and submission process that MBIE has constructed a fast passage for the Applicant, based on a collusive relationship and unacceptable shared interests that are obscure that bespeak of potential conflicts of interest.

#### **6 The benefit of economic development in the Region**

Te Korowai o Wainuiārua supports economic development in the Region. However, the effect of the process in this matter, has thwarted a justifiable opportunity within the principle of partnership for our effective participation and inclusion in economic development of the Turoa Ski Area.

At best, consideration should be given to the establishment of a governance entity enjoining the Crown, iwi, to oversee the management of the Turoa Ski Area, to ensure that iwi values, opportunities for co investment, education, training, employment and procurement of iwi service delivery [construction, maintenance, for example] shall be delivered through the operations of the concession holder.

Heoi anō, nā

Aiden Gilbert

**Chair: Uenuku Charitable Trust – Te Korowai o Wainuiārua**

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 135**

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	Richard Medicott
Organisation	NA
Date	6/2/2024

## 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:

Removal of Nga Wai Heke lift with no plan for replacement.

No mention of summer activity, specifically mountain biking.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I'm hopeful that the concession does not rule out the establishment of a lift to replace nga wai heke at some stage. It's a useful lift that gives skiers a lot more access to the east of the mountain, able to return to the base of high noon express. Removing this removes a large section of some of the most enjoyable fall line off piste skiing for more advanced skiers.

No mention is made of summer activity - specifically mountain biking within the concession area. The Ruapehu district has a number of MTB tracks, currently building Te Ara Mangawhero. The current tracks cater to family orientated day trips, but do not particularly appeal to more experienced mountain bikers. Other ski areas – Coronet Peak and Cardona, have utilized lifts for use in the summer, Bike tracks can be built to be low impact of flora and visually subtle. Use existing rock and material from the mountain.

This would enhance the area as a biking destination.

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.

Increased economic activity for the region.

Increased enjoyment of Mt Ruapehua.

A buffer for the economic activity in bad snow years. Mountain biking a major source of income for towns that have embraced it, eg Rotorua, Queenstown, Alexandra, Castle Hill/Craigieburn.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 136**

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	Mary-Rose Blackley
Organisation	
Date	06/02/2024

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1. A 10-year lease discourages business investment, improvements through maintenance and repairs, marketing and regional investment in the greater Ruapehu region. It allows no certainty for the future, no flexibility, no long-term planning and investment.
2. I can not imagine the Queenstown ski industry and region ever accepting such a restraint of trade. The favouritism of Queenstown over the Ruapehu region has been observed for over 30 years.
3. The Ruapehu/Taupo region has never had the same government funding for tourism and marketing as Queenstown, further penalising the region with a 10 year leases will not help.  
Whereas Queenstown is known to be a tourism hot spot, with crowding, water and accommodation shortages, with an unhealthy dependence on the one area.
4. Regardless of Climate change, the Tongariro Crossing has a proven record of an international acclaimed tourism attraction which Ruapehu could also benefit from. Ruapehu needs confidence from the Crown in supporting the industry.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Previously RAL had provided much local employment through the resorts, accommodation, transport and retail in the nearby towns. RAL has been the reason for regional investment in National Park, Turangi, Ohakune, Taupo and Taumarunui. Without the two ski resorts and subsequent industry in the central North Island, the government would probably have to fund the unemployment benefit to this huge industry of workers, when it could just allow these employers to continue to operate.

I blame poor Crown communication and problem resolution with RAL; the issue should have been resolved in 2023 and not dragged on. The IWI Waitangi negotiations should have been resolved years ago too.

The Crown should be helping resolve all issues pertaining to the continuing of the ski and tourism industry in the Ruapehu district not worsening this complex problem. The Chateau Tongariro also needs to be resolved.

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.

Certainty for the future for the greater Ruapehu region.

Tongariro National Park to be protected and respected.

IWI must be involved, where they wish to be.

Forgive or release the debt, move on. It is nothing compared to South Canterbury Finance to name one debt Government bailed out.

End the liquidation and receivership, get a new local RAL management with relevant industry skills, including IWI.

The 2023 RAL staff were excellent. Both ski resorts know how to operate efficiently.

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However this prolonged uncertainty will have caused travel agents, airlines and customers to choose another destination or another country to study. The Crown is causing the problem to worsen.

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**From:** [Colleen Watts](#)  
**To:** [Mtruapehusubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Pure Turoa  
**Date:** Tuesday, 6 February 2024 12:44:14 pm

**SUB 137**

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I strongly object to the underhand transfer/purchase of Turoa skifield to Pure Turoa. This undermines any consultation and respect of what the majority want. It effectively will make Turoa an elitist private field as prices will outstrip any family budget.

Turoa was developed for affordable not for profit snow sports.

The ongoing effects of the proposed deal is a death bell for Ohakune.

No account has been taken of the ongoing effects for Ohakune of down sizing and outpricing visitors.

The financial input of shareholders in life pass funds has been ignored. A lot of these pass holders have made huge financial commitments to Ohakune with property and holiday money spent there.

Ohakune will become a ghost town.

Queenstown will become the ski destination and sadly the opportunity to experience snow in the North Island will cease to exist.

I plead for this transfer to not go ahead until an inquiry is held and Turoa is placed in the hands of a group that care about the wider picture

Colleen Watts



## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 138**

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	Sam Clarkson
Organisation	
Date	3/2/24

## 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:

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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**A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant** **SUB 139**

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	Alex Mitcalfe Wilson (individual)
Organisation	
Date	6 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).

**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 use of old, and potentially outdated documentation in this application, which may lead to environmental harm or unforeseen impacts- such as reliance on the the 2013 ecological impact assessment. Further examples are provided below.
- That this application severs the existing snowsports entity on the mountain into two parts, leaving one unaddressed- increasing the likelihood that the Whakapapa side may remain inoperable and abandoned, potentially leaving cleanup and remediation costs to the public. No concession should be granted for a part of the current snowsports operation without addressing the whole- any successor to RAL should be required to assume the totality of RAL's obligations.
- The redaction of the persons involved in this application is an affront to transparency. I object to their claims to commercial acumen, snowsports experience and local connections being advanced without the opportunity for these to be tested.
- The expansion of snowmaking activity on which the concession applicants' plans depend appears to be lacking ecological assessment. Increased snowmaking will require increased water draw, energy use and landscape impact related to the siting of water lines and machinery. As such, these plans require modern and extensive analysis to determine that they will not lead to unacceptable impact on the alpine area- I could see no such analysis in my reading of the concession application.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I cannot support this application in its current form. I believe that the current application may reuse out of date data and analysis, lack transparency and leave important issues related to the continuity of snowsports in the alpine area unresolved.

Undue haste may be leading to the use of outdated data: The negotiations for the previous concession took several years, and this one appears to be have been developed rapidly, and to reuse aspects of the previous concession's documentation, such as the 2011 RAL Indicative Development Plan (IDP) proposal and its assessment of ecological impacts, referred to on p25, and the 2013 Ecological impact Assessment included in the applicants' material. These documents are now seriously dated. Given the effects of climate change on snow cover and weather in recent years, and potential related impacts on soil stability, vegetation and animal life, it is right to require that future concessions be granted on the basis of up to date assessments, rather than documentation that may include outdated scientific data, projections or methodologies. I do not believe that a concession should be granted based on documentation from a decade ago or longer- time must be taken to study contemporary conditions and make a decision based in present realities on the ground. I thus can't support a concession application created without up to date data.

I would further urge caution on any undue haste given the August 2023 apology from the crown for the impact of previous rushed attempts at commercial solutions to the current situation in the alpine area, and their effects on tangata whenua. This context requires the greatest standards of care, honesty, inclusiveness and attention.

The current proposal lacks transparency. The concession documentation redacts the identities of the people involved in bid, and thus does not allow for evaluation of the accuracy of their claims on p 14 and 15 to expertise, either in snow sports, business, or any other matter, nor to their claims of local connections and respect for the community. This application should be reissued with full transparency as to the applicants and their expertise- such concerns are particularly relevant given the regional importance of the ski field operations, and the effect of commercial uncertainty on local people and the economy to date. I cannot support a concession application which lacks such essential information, while advancing such claims.

This concession application cannot be considered a comprehensive plan for the environmentally sustainable operation of snowsports in the area when it leaves the operations on Whakapapa orphaned. Any successor to RAL's concession, especially one which relies on RAL's own documentation in its application, such as the 2014 PWC report on p29, and 2014 IDP, ought to be required to account for the entire impact of the operation it is succeeding to- including removal and remediation of any assets it is choosing to leave unused. No concession should thus be offered to supersede the activities of RAL which does not address the entirety of RAL's footprint in

the alpine area. This is especially the case where a separated, Whakapapa side may be uneconomic, whereas a whole-of-mountain solution could be sustainably operated. This concession application thus increases the likelihood of the Whakapapa-side infrastructure becoming a stranded asset, and exposing the public to cleanup and remediation costs- where any successor to RAL's operations ought to succeed to the entirety of RAL's obligations. I cannot support an application which is incomplete in this respect.

Lastly, I note that the proposed plan for this concession includes an extension of snowmaking activity- about which there is minimal consideration of associated ecological impact in the 2013 Ecological Impact Assessment. This element of the proposed approach requires careful scrutiny in terms of its likely requirements for increased water-draw in a semi-arid alpine area, increased energy use in a time of climate breakdown, and impact on landscape, due to the siting of additional snowmaking water lines and machinery for snowmaking. How have these ambitious and potentially ecologically destructive plans been assessed, and what data has been offered to suggest they are appropriate for a World Heritage Area? I could find no substantive analysis of these in my reading of the concession documentation. I cannot support a concession application that leaves these issues untested.

I hope that these issues can be addressed, and an environmentally sustainable decision, which balances tangata whenua interests, conservation and recreation, on the basis of transparent and current information, can be found. I do not believe the current concession application meets that threshold.

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 wish for transparency as to the persons involved in this application, so as to be able to weigh their claims to expertise, local connection and reputation. I cannot support a concession application that lacks this information.
- I wish for updated ecological impact assessments, development plan documentation and subsidiary required environmental analysis to be demanded of the applicant, so their plans can be assessed based on current information. No concession should be issued based on decades-old information and analysis.
- I wish for any commercial operation which succeeds to RAL's operations on the mountain to assume RAL's entire obligations to removal and remediation of unused assets- rather than severing the Whakapapa-side operation for presumed public-cost remediation. I cannot support any concession that increases the risk of the public bearing the cost of remediation for stranded assets held by the previous concessionaire.
- I wish for a specific environmental analysis of the applicant's plans for increased snowmaking. I cannot support any concession application that lacks robust environmental analysis of the major avenue of proposed development.

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**From:** [Sandspit Retreat](#)  
**To:** [Mtruapehusubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** That pure Turoa do not get granted a concession to operate  
**Date:** Tuesday, 6 February 2024 3:53:13 pm

SUB 140

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To who it may concern

Our view is that of the Stake holders even though we do not belong to their association

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- There has been a sensible solution available to this situation from day one, forgive the debt and allow the snow community to provide capital required for stability of RAL (not the taxpayer).
- End the liquidation and receivership, hand the control to a refreshed governance and management of RAL. Saving the taxpayer and snow community \$1.5-2m per year.

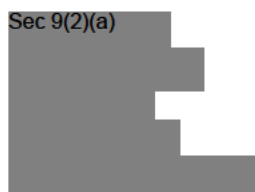
- Cease ignoring iwi and retract from seeking new concessions, as they have said they will not approve new concessions until Treaty claims are settled on the Maunga.

Both skifields will almost certainly be **open as normal in winter 2024**. The skifields successfully generated excess cashflow of \$2M over winter 2023, so no new government money is needed to continue trading. If the concession for Tūroa takes some time to be signed off (the last concession renewal took 4 years) and/or the situation with Whakapapa takes time to resolve, then both Tūroa and Whakapapa can trade the 2024 season effectively and efficiently with current

staff, assets, health & safety certificates and insurance all in place and trading as a going concern. In fact, the entire situation could be permanently resolved by simply releasing the government's debt and allowing the excellent staff on the ground to get on with their jobs

Kind regards,  
Dennis & Sue Anderson

Sec 9(2)(a)

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**A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant**    **SUB 141**

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	Graeme Wheadon
Organisation	Wheadon Family
Date	06.02.2024

**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:

WE ARE MAKING A SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF PURE TUROA.

1. We are of the opinion that Turoa could be a financial success.
2. Turoa is a valuable contributor to the community.
3. A team dedicated solely to Turoa would enhance the ski field.
4. Limiting numbers would enhance the experience.
5. The prices of passes need to reflect the real cost of operations.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

OUR SUBMISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF PURE TUROA .

1. We have skied at Turoa for 36 years and apart from some seasons of poor management, poor snow seasons, and Covid restrictions the field has provided very good snow experiences.
2. Turoa Ski Field is a valued economic contributor to Ohakune and the Southern Ruapehu communities, if it was to not operate the community would seriously suffer.
3. As loyal Turoa Skiers we view Turoa as a unique ski area which would benefit from being run by a team that is solely focused on Turoa with its unique features (and challenges).
4. Since the RAL merger there has been too much emphasis on skier number to the detriment on the Skier experience.
5. Pure Turoa needs to study carefully the cost of season passes, multi day passes and day passes as the cost of these passes have not been increased in line with inflation, making it challenging to provide the funds to run and invest in the 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.

The outcome we are seeking is for **the Pure Turoa application to be approved.**

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## G. Attachments



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**From:** [David Crawshaw](#)  
**To:** [Mtruapehusubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Submission on Tūroa Ski Field Concession Application  
**Date:** Tuesday, 6 February 2024 5:32:39 pm

**SUB 142**

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Hi

I wish to make a submission for the Turoa Ski Field area as an individual on behalf of my family.

- 1. Stance: FOR the submission to grant concession rights to Pure Turoa on Ruapehu**
- 2. Concession Area: The ski boundary needs to be made higher and wider than current boundaries**
  - a. Reasoning:**
    - i. Current climate change impacts make lower ski field areas much more variable with less coverage appearing each half-decade on average
    - ii. Increased visitor numbers per day due to increasing population and popularity of snow sports
    - iii. Turoa terrain has proven to be excellent for riding out West up high and to access the Turoa glacier out East, all in a controlled manner
- 3. Concession Lift Equipment: Future planning should include simplified and more modern methods of moving more people up the mountain (e.g. 2 x gondola)**
  - a. Reasoning:**
    - i. Ability to move more people per hour due to increasing population and popularity of snow sports
    - ii. Lower environmental impacts:
      - Reduction in the number of permanent fixtures on the mountain
      - Reduction in power requirement than running multiple small lifts over the mountain
    - iii. Increase in reliability
    - iv. Include 2 stages minimum of a gondola (or equivalent) to ensure skiers can complete a run on snow for the duration of the season (i.e. not to repeat the mistake of a single gondola at Whakapapa)
    - v. Remove the use of diesel on the mountain by using an on-mountain back-up power-bank (e.g. electric battery storage) for any Lines Co. power-provided outages
- 4. Concession Buildings / Facilities: Future planning should include a large full facilities and café building higher up the mountain with panoramic views**
  - a. Reasoning:**
    - i. Attraction of higher visitor numbers including tourists
    - ii. Increase in ongoing revenue
    - iii. Increase in working facilities space e.g. for safety equipment, signage
    - iv. Blyth Flat height or location would provide the necessary views, outlook and 'wow' factor for success

Yours sincerely,

David Crawshaw

Sec 9(2)(a)

- RAL Life Plus holder
- Prior owner of a house in Ohakune
- Generational Mt Ruapehu skiing family



## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 143**

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	SIMON WAYMOUTH
Organisation	INDIVIDUAL
Date	07 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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## 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. Lack of transparency with regard to the wider group of individuals involved in the bid.
2. Zero transparency with regard to how the unknown individuals are going to fund the business
3. Incredibly ambitious “upgrade” program that ends up with only two lifts and less capacity

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

1. It might inspire a bit more confidence if the Advisory Board and Management Team identified themselves.
2. It's hard to have any confidence in PTL's assertions when the financial projections are blank.
3. Can't see how it's going to work in 10 years time with only two lifts let alone be sustainable.

My biggest concern here is that the participants simply don't have the wherewithal to support their overly optimistic business plan in the long term, especially with erratic seasons and a faltering base of loyal Turoa fans (myself included) and heaven forbid we have another pandemic (that excludes Aucklanders anyway).

In short, if this plan is going to be underpinned with debt funding, it's doomed.

Then we might lose our favourite skifield for good, and that would be a crying shame.

AHI got fed up with pouring money into it, and they built a whole ski village, then it went belly up by itself, then Government bailed it out millions and millions, it still loses money. It begs the question if it's even a viable.

In my opinion, if it's going to be a privately owned business, then the only solution is to attract someone with serious cash to get on board and fund it. (e.g. like Tony Quinn bought Hampton Downs and Taupo racetracks)

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.

SHOW US THE MONEY..!

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 144

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	Daniel Costello
Organisation	n/a
Date	05 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:

- 1) Granting of a concession to a private for-profit entity.
- 2) A concession for a public benefit entity already exists.
- 3) The short length of the concession (10-years).
- 4) Lack of demonstrated financial viability.
- 5) Removal of key lifts (Nga Wai Heke chair, Giant Chair, and the Wintergarden Platter).
- 6) Transparency around PTL's Governance and Management Team, and redactions of financials.
- 7) Granting of a concession may be prejudicial Treaty negotiations.
- 8) Failure to address a solution to Whakapapa's part in the liquidation and receivership of RAL.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

- 1) Granting of a concession to a private for-profit entity. I object to the effective privatisation of a National Park for the benefit of a private for-profit entity. There is no demonstrable public benefit to privatisation of a National Park for the purpose of generating profit.
- 2) A concession for a public benefit entity already exists. The existing not-for-profit entity with a long operational history already exists. Plans including a previous DoCA and Creditors Compromise have been proposed by the Ruapehu Skifield Stakeholders Association (RSSA) to continue operation under Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL) for the near-term providing economic benefit to the region while allowing the appropriate time for Iwi to evaluate the impact of any proposed concession.
- 3) The short length of the concession (10-years). The 10-year concession period being sought lacks credibility to attract sufficient private investment to attain long term viability. This leaves the applicant reliant of corporate welfare from the New Zealand taxpayer provided by MBIE and other government agencies in the form of debt forgiveness and commercial loans with extremely favourable conditions not available to the free market. In the absence of private financing, the applicant is likely to seek repeated financial handouts from the New Zealand taxpayer to subsidise commercial profiteering from a National Park.
- 4) Lack of demonstrated financial viability. Based on the above, the applicant (Pure Tūroa Limited/PTL) lacks long term financial viability and as demonstrated by a long history of failed for-profit operations on Tūroa, is unlikely to be capable of long-term self-sustaining operation. Granting a concession in such circumstances would be irresponsible and expose the Department of Conservation (DoC), and therefore the New Zealand taxpayer to undue risk in the case of insolvency of the applicant in the form of 'Make Good' clauses in the concession regarding the removal of assets from the maunga.
- 5) Removal of key lifts (Nga Wai Heke chair, Giant Chair, and the Wintergarden Platter). The applicant proposes to remove key lifts that provide public access to a National Park. In addition to the loss of accessible public access Tongariro National Park (TNP), the applicants plan include reduction of skier capacity, further reducing public access, and concentrating visitors in a smaller area, increasing impact to TNP, diminishing public enjoyment and the experience of open space, and increasing the health and safety risk to skiers in the concentration area.
- 6) Transparency around PTL's Governance and Management Team, and redactions of financials. The application lacks transparency that should be available for public scrutiny required to obtain a concession for private for-profit operation in a National Park. The public benefit for granting of the concession is therefore not apparent.
- 7) Granting of a concession may be prejudicial Treaty negotiations. Letters written by various Iwi to The Crown state that any sale of RAL assets is prejudicial to their TNP Treaty negotiations. Previous negotiations took years and rushing this process may create long term and irreparable harm to Iwi-Crown relations.
- 8) Failure to address a solution to Whakapapa's part in the liquidation and receivership of RAL. Granting of a concession to PTL without integration of a plan for Whakapapa is likely to have unintended and lasting consequences from a National Park visitation and economic perspective.

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 application is not in the public interest and does not provide demonstrated public benefit. The application does not meet Part 1 of the National Parks Act under section 4, specifically, "intrinsic worth and for the benefit, use, and enjoyment of the public, areas of New Zealand" and "the public shall have freedom of entry and access to the parks, so that they may receive in full measure the inspiration, enjoyment, recreation, and other benefits that may be derived from mountains, forests, sounds, seacoasts, lakes, rivers, and other natural features".



Furthermore, the application should not be approved as it would be prejudicial Treaty negotiations and cause irreparable harm to Crown-Iwi relations.

## G. Attachments

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 145**

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	Phil Dance
Organisation	
Date	5 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:

Length of concession,  
removal of key lifts limiting terrain access/splitting ski fields  
Redacting key information for personal decision making in this process

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I find a 10-year concession leaves only enough time to rip enough energy out of the current setup, under government support, maximise profits through not operating and ripping out lifts.

Prospect of bailing out/ selling up when iwi don't want the 25% government stake token gift in treaty settlement. Why would they want a share that doesn't give them power to block decisions within a business they may want to oppose? 26% minimum should be offered should ptl get concession.

It has already been stated that this or any sale is prejudicial to the ongoing treaty negotiations for Tongariro national park. I see them pulling pin on agreeing to any more concessions after this round as mbie and government are getting further offside with them in reality.

Real prospect of current companies' situation becoming a reality for pure Turoa going on track record of previous private ownership.

2 ski fields together brings many benefits for users and the ski fields. Profits split between both and customers choice which side to use on weather dependable days.

Redacting key information from application and other paperwork around pure Turoa. This is a big no-no from me!

Not knowing who the people are running the show and in semi powerful positions. Not knowing if they are the people who have led us to this position in the first place. The irony that the names crossed out could in fact be names from whl initial management line up and original mess

- Currently ral has 60-year concession and a creditor compromise would benefit the surrounding districts better under new management.

Financials of the takeover! I see a lot of my tax paying money has gone into this venture and not a lot from the proposed bidders! Do they actually have a stream of money that can carry them through without government help? Especially for the duration of 10-year concession?! You've put my tax paying money exactly where I despise it going, into private entities when mbie is a public servant, not a private one!

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.

That financials and management of this new company be made public. No one knows who they are or anything solid of their backgrounds to say they are of worth to running a ski field beyond the 70-year tenure of previous company. Or even to see out the 10 years should a concession be granted!

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 146**

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	Nadine Perera
Organisation	
Date	4 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 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 by Pure Turoa Limited in its entirety.  
As a life pass holder I do not support the position and statements of the Ruapehu Skifields Stakeholders Association (RSSA) where these differ from what is sought by the Pure Turoa Limited application.

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

The operation of the Turoa Skifield by Pure Turoa will ensure that the business is able to provide an ongoing positive contribution to the region economically and as a recreation facility.

The application provides for the skifield, as a recreation facility, to be operated in a sustainable manner that recognises the importance of the maunga as a place of spiritual significance located in a unique volcanic mountain 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.

The approval of the application as sought by Pure Turoa Limited. Including any amendment where sought by Pure Turoa Limited.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 147**

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 Reay
Organisation	
Date	06/02/2023

## 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:

- 6.5 Recreation values
- 6.6 Social and economic benefits
- 6.9 Quality of visitor experience

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I am the dad of a family of four keen skiers. Sec 9(2)(a) Turoa and Mount Ruapehu is our spiritual home. Skiing at Turoa is simply the most magical family time that we have. Under RAL, the ski fields were not able to generate funds in the usual manner due to the company being not for profit. This necessitated the issuance of life passes (of which I am/was a holder) to pay for new lifts. This kicks the can down the road; the ski fields get money from the life passes but then lose the on-going revenue from season pass sales that we otherwise would have purchased. This model works to a point until there are so many people no longer buying season passes that otherwise would have, that the company has cashflow issues. This has led us to the current situation which has been exacerbated by COVID and bad snow years. Further, having a single operator on both sides creates a monopoly. This has resulted in a strong decline in the skier experience through poor customer service, lack of urgency with lift repairs, lower snow grooming standards etc. I am supportive of the Pure Turoa submission. They are streamlining operations and look to have a real focus on the user experience, something that has been lacking in the past. My only concern is the removal of the Nga Wai Heke lift which is discussed below.

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 removal of the Nga Wai Heke lift under Section 2.4.2.1.1 of the Indicative Development Plan will decrease the recreation value of the skifield and should be reconsidered. This is a wonderful lift to escape the crowds on a busy day and also allows access to the wider areas to the east of the ski field. The idea this lift is being removed to 'reduce the poles in ground' is nonsense. This is a small lift mostly hidden in a gully. Compared to the footprint of Whakapapa and all of its ski clubs, Turoa already has a miniscule footprint already.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 148

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	Evelyn Reay
Organisation	
Date	06/02/2023

## 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:

- 6.5 Recreation values
- 6.6 Social and economic benefits
- 6.9 Quality of visitor experience

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I am the mother of a family of four keen skiers. Sec 9(2)(a). Turoa and Mount Ruapehu is my spiritual home. When I reference my maunga in my pepeha, I reference Ruapehu.

Under RAL, the ski fields were not able to generate funds in the usual manner due to the company being not for profit. This necessitated the issuance of life passes (of which I am/was a holder) to pay for new lifts. This kicks the can down the road; the ski fields get money from the life passes but then lose the on-going revenue from season pass sales that we otherwise would have purchased. This model works to a point until there are so many people no longer buying season passes that otherwise would have, that the company has cashflow issues. This has led us to the current situation which has been exacerbated by COVID and bad snow years.

Further, having a single operator on both sides creates a monopoly. This has resulted in a strong decline in the skier experience through poor customer service, lack of urgency with lift repairs, lower snow grooming standards etc.

I am supportive of the Pure Turoa submission. They are streamlining operations and look to have a real focus on the user experience, something that has been lacking in the past.

My concern is the removal of the Nga Wai Heke lift which is discussed below.

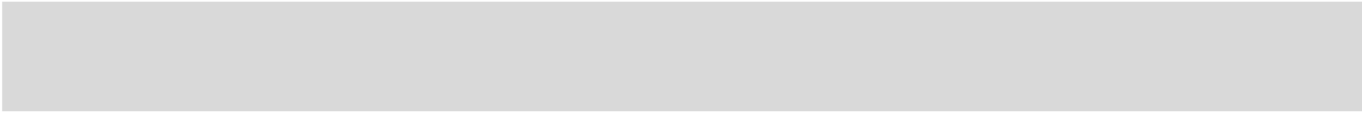
The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:

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 removal of the Nga Wai Heke lift under Section 2.4.2.1.1 of the Indicative Development Plan will decrease the recreation value of the skifield and should be reconsidered.

The lift is at a lower altitude than the Express and in no way encroaches the summit area. Turoa is a ski field with a low physical footprint. There are no ski clubs, only 3 cafes and a small number of lifts. Removing the Nga Wai Heke will make no significant difference to the environment. It will however make a significant difference to a skier's experience.

Turoa has difficulties managing crowds. This is not solely due to lift capacity. It is also on the trails themselves. With the removal of the lift you decrease the spread of skiers across the mountain. This decreases our enjoyment and increases the risk of collisions. As a parent of young children, the congestion on the trails is a major concern. In the past we have used the Nga Wai Heke to escape the crowds for a safer, funner ski experience.



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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant **SUB 149**

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	Warren Furner
Organisation	Resident
Date	6 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:

### 1 Term

I SUPPORT the term applied for in S2.4

### 2 Access

I object to Ruapehu District Ratepayer subsidising vehicle access to the ski area.

The Ohakune Mountain Road (OMR) is a local road administered by the Ruapehu District Council with co investment from Waka Kotahi NZTA. It serves its purpose to provide vehicle access to the park but primarily the ski area and one club hut for the purpose of carrying out its business. In the recent past the government invested in 100% of the cost for maintenance operations and renewal of road infrastructure, the case for funding was due to the far-reaching regional benefits derived from recreation in the park. Today the local community have been burdened with funding a portion of the costs without a doc or concessionaire contribution.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

1 The term of the concession application requires sufficient time to offer debt funding security and a return on capital sufficient to realise company aspirations, financial and social returns to the community and investors detailed in S2.5, 2.6, 3.3

It makes little sense to offer a shorter term and lowering commercial confidence.

Capital will be more difficult to secure with a short term, resulting in lower levels of service, insufficient investment for asset operations maintenance and renewal and a higher risk to the environment and park values we all hold dearly.

Short term permissions without confidence of renewal will encourage short-term thinking and lower environmental performance and community return.

With less capital and investment confidence PTL will be less likely to maintain a viable business therefore less likely to deliver commitments made to community, iwi and DoC Ref 6.2 and those commitments submitted in 6.3

2 In the recent past the government invested 100% of the cost for maintenance operations and renewal of road infrastructure, the case for funding was due to the far-reaching regional benefits derived from recreation in the park. Today the local community have been burdened with funding a portion of the costs. This is in effect a subsidy to the operators of the ski business.

These recent changes to funding ratios have also meant more burden has been placed on the Ratepayers in the Ruapehu District who are often not skiers or business owners likely to benefit from the road access. This is in effect a subsidy from the small communities surrounding the mountain as far away as Ohura and Waimiha.

The local share of the total investment for operations maintenance and renewal of the OMR should be a condition placed within the concession to minimise adverse financial burden on the wider local community. I.e. The Bruce Road is a DoC administered road with co-investment from NZTA and Doc (Tax Payer) who then charge

commercial users via concession fees and charges. This model is appropriate for the OMR however not legally applicable due to its Local Road Status, therefore I seek redress in the form of a road access fee equal to the local share currently paid by ratepayers, payable to the Ruapehu District Council to operate, maintain and renew our community asset.

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.

- 1 A longer term as applied for
- 2 The local share for road operation maintenance and renewal is paid by the concessionaire as a condition of its Concession to operate.

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## A. Permission Application Number and Name of Applicant SUB 150

Pure Tūroa Limited 109883-SKI

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Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter	Shane Robinson
Organisation	Individual
Date	07/02/2024

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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.
- 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

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

Our largest concern is affordable access to the ski field for our kids. We are concerned about the rapid escalation of pricing, removal of key lifts for learning, and little detail surrounding other sources of revenue (summer period). Key concerns 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 PTL's Governance and Management Team, and redactions of key financial disclosures.

Letters 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.

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.

-Life pass holders given some due financial consideration for the investment into the existing not for profit business that currently holds a lease.

-Investment plan for maintaining or upgrading lifts that are due to be removed under the current plan.

Financial limitations on removal of profits from the ski field or change in business model to a not for profit business where profits are reinvested into the ski field.

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