GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ
Taupō District Council

Wairakei Canopy Tour

Section 42A Report

APPENDIX 5

CORRESPONDENCE FROM NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY AND FIRE AND EMERGENCY NEW ZEALAND

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Dear Rowan,

Wairakei Canopy Tour Access and Screening – 201 Karetoto Road, Wairakei

Thank you for submitting your client's amended proposal to the NZ Transport Agency (Transport Agency) for comment. As you will appreciate, millions of dollars are invested in the transport network each year and the Transport Agency has an interest in ensuring this investment is not compromised, including by ensuring land use and subdivision do not impact on the safety and efficiency of the transport network.

Previously the Transport Agency lodged a submission which opposed the proposed canopy tour activity given it was not clear whether it was proposed for access to be constructed within the road reserve which would be within the highway designation. The applicant has subsequently amended the application and clarified that the applicants will no longer be pursuing the option of an access within the road reserve. Alternatively, and as per attached Figure 1, the access track is proposed to be within Taupo District Council owned parcel Section 6 SO 438783 until it meets the existing underpass track which the Transport Agency is not opposed to be used for this activity.

It is noted there is a segregation strip that restricts access to the highway corridor, but the Transport Agency can confirm that use of the underpass is not contrary to the restrictions of this instrument.

This revised access plan also proposes to erect screens similar in nature to those shown attached in Figure 2. These screens are to prevent potential spray drift from the treated effluent irrigation undertake on the Taupo District Council land onto the vehicles used to access the zipline activity. It is also noted that these screens would aid in reducing the drift of effluent spray onto Transport Agency land under certain wind conditions. The screens are proposed to be approximately 7 metres in height, and as they are to be located within the required 25m front yard setback from the boundary resource consent is required.

Based on the information provided, the Transport Agency is **not opposed** to the proposal as detailed in the email received from Roam Consulting on the 15 May 2020.

Please be aware that this response is the Transport Agency's current view of the situation. If your application changes or is put on hold for any length of time, the Transport Agency may need to review the application again. Thank you for undertaking consultation with us. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

Yours sincerely

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Figure 1 – Extent of Access Track to Tower 1 (shown in red) and Screen Location (shown in blue)

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Figure 2 – Example of Proposed Screening

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Attention: Todd Whittaker

Dear Todd

Fire and Emergency New Zealand – Correspondence with Applicant: Proposed Zipline by Skyplay Adventures Limited

Following discussion with the applicant's consultant, Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) no longer wish to be heard in support of their submission for the application by Skyplay Adventures Limited. An agreement has been reached (see the attached 2 July 2020 letter) involving the applicant incorporating within their proposal conditions relating to firefighting water supply and health and safety through hearing evidence to be provided to Taupō District Council.

For clarity, Fire Emergency's submission seeks that the proposal provides adequate water supply for firefighting purposes that meet the requirements outlined in the New Zealand Fire Service Code of Practice and Standards New Zealand PAS 4509:2008 (Code of Practice). Fire and Emergency also seek that a consent condition be imposed establishing a process to demonstrate that an audited safety plan has been obtained prior to commencement of the activity and recommended that consent conditions be imposed on this application as follows:

1. *That upon the construction of any public building, sufficient water volume, pressure and flows be provided in accordance with NZFS Fire Fighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008 (or any replacement code of practice approved under s72 of the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017) and that this water supply be accessible for firefighting purposes; and*

   That if water supply is to be provided by way of tank storage, this must be located a safe distance away from any building in accordance with NZFS Fire Fighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008 (or any replacement code of practice approved under s72 of the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017).

   Advice note:

   Should the applicant determine that an alternative water source cannot be accessed for firefighting purposes for the development or does not have sufficient capacity or pressure in accordance with the New Zealand Fire Service Fire Fighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZPAS 4509:2008, consultation and agreement on an alternative supply such as water sprinklers will need to be sought from Fire and Emergency New Zealand and evidence of this agreement provided to Taupo District Council for its consideration and agreement when determining whether the consent notice relating to the Code of Practice has been satisfied.

2. *An audited safety plan shall be developed in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. Once the auditor is satisfied that the safety plan is complete, the consent holder shall provide a copy of the letter or certificate to Taupo District Council and the Department of Conservation, prior to operations commencing.*

As a result of subsequent discussion with the applicant's consultant, the applicant has since confirmed that a new fire hydrant has recently been put in place on an adjacent site and is located approximately 80 metres from the proposed new building. Fire and Emergency have recently undertaken a flow test on the new hydrant and have confirmed that the hydrant has sufficient capacity and pressure to act as a suitable water supply in the event of a fire at the proposed site office.

In addition, the applicant has proposed the following condition to enable Fire and Emergency to access an additional water supply on site:

1. *The applicant will fit to their onsite water supply a coupling suitable to allow a connection by the fire department in the event of a fire.*

Based on the above, Fire and Emergency consider that the above condition along with the fire hydrant will adequately address Fire and Emergency's concern in relation to firefighting water supply. In respect of the above wording, Fire and Emergency support the condition but seek that the term 'fire department' be replaced by 'Fire and Emergency New Zealand'.

In respect to health and safety concerns raised by Fire and Emergency, the applicant has advised that an audited health and safety plan is a requirement of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and also, in respect to this application, required under the concession process established through the Conservation Act 1987.

On this basis, the applicant is happy to include the following condition:

2. *An audited safety plan shall be developed in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. Once the auditor is satisfied that the safety plan is complete, the consent holder shall provide a copy of the audited plan to Taupō District Council and the Department of Conservation, prior to operations commencing.*

Accordingly, if Council are minded to grant consent to the application, then Fire and Emergency seeks that the above consent conditions in regard to the provision of a fire service coupling and audited safety plan be imposed on the consent as part of the decision. On the basis of the above agreement Fire and Emergency support the application.

Should you have any queries or seek clarification on the above, please contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely

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Tena koe Alec

SKY PLAY ADVENTURES LIMITED RESPONSE TO THE SUBMISSION BY FIRE AND EMERGENCY NEW ZEALAND

Sky Play Adventures Limited (SPAL) has considered the submission made by Fire and Emergency New Zealand on SPAL's application to develop an ecotour along a section of Waikato River and an associated base area. As a result of subsequent discussions, the applicant can confirm that a new fire hydrant has recently been put in place on an adjacent site which has sufficient capacity and pressure to act as a suitable water supply in the event of a fire at the proposed site office.

It is felt that this new hydrant will more than adequately meet the requirements of the submitter as they relate to the provision of suitable firefighting water supplies to the site.

In the case that this is not adequate, the applicant is happy to propose the following condition so the fire department can access an additional water supply on site:

> *The applicant will fit to their onsite water supply a coupling suitable to allow a connection by the fire department in the event of a fire.*

In respect to health and safety concerns raised by the submitter, we have set out in communications that an audited health and safety plan is a requirement of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and also, in respect to this application, under the concession process established through the Conservation Act 1987.

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On this basis the applicant is happy to include the following condition:

> *An audited safety plan shall be developed in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015. Once the auditor is satisfied that the safety plan is complete, the consent holder shall provide a copy of the audited plan to Taupō District Council and the Department of Conservation, prior to operations commencing.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this information and proposed conditions further.

Nga mihi

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