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Dear Vicki,

Thank you for the invitation to comment on NZSki Ltd's Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 substantive application for the Remarkable Ski Field upgrade and Doolans Basin extension (FTAA-2608-1275).

I broadly support the regional and national benefits of projects that consider improved climate change adaptation and mitigation outcomes for New Zealand.

I recognise the importance of adaptation to climate change in the Doolans Basin expansion proposal in that it has considered the future needs of the broader ski field. I further support any traffic demand management measures to encourage modal shifts as a climate change mitigation that contributes to reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Yours sincerely,

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