
MINUTE 1 OF THE PANEL CONVENER

Request for Section 51 report for Remarkables Ski Area Upgrade and Doolans
Expansion
[FTAA-2605-1236]

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[1] NZSki Limited lodged a substantive application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) on 20 May 2026. The application relates to the upgrades of existing infrastructure at The Remarkables Ski Area, including a new passenger transport lift, carparking areas, and expanding the ski field into the adjacent Doolans Basin.

[2] The application seeks approvals including:

- (a) a resource consent under section 42(4)(a);
- (b) a concession on land that is vested in the Crown under section 42(4)(e);
- (c) a wildlife approval under section 42(4)(h);
- (d) a complex freshwater fisheries approval under section 42(4)(j);

[3] Pursuant to section 51 of the Act, the panel convener directs the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to obtain the following reports:

From the Director-General of the Department of Conservation (DOC):

- (a) a report under clause 4 of Schedule 6 for concessions on Crown land (s42(4)(e));
- (b) a report under clause 3 of Schedule 7 for the wildlife approval (s42(4)(h));
and
- (c) a report under clause 4 of Schedule 9 for the complex freshwater fisheries approvals (s42(4)(j)).

Advice Requested

[4] The panel convener also directs the EPA to obtain advice from DoC on the following:

- (a) Any information gaps in the application which, in the opinion of DoC, is required by the panel to decide the application.
- (b) How the weighting of matters set out in the relevant schedules should be approached, having regard to applicable statutory provisions and relevant senior court decisions (s51(1)).
- (c) If DoC does not agree with, or wishes to amplify on, the expert and planning assessments lodged in support of the application, it must file a report in accordance with the relevant schedule (s51(2)(c) or s51(2)(d))
- (d) DoC may confirm and append advice previously given in response to directions under section 51 on another project and does not need to provide an assessment if it concurs with the applicant's assessments.
- (e) DoC is to respond to the draft conditions, including any management plans attached to the application, recommending tracked changes (if any).

Timing

[5] Reports and advice must be provided to the EPA **within 10 working days after the panel invites comments on the application**, in accordance with section 51(4) of the Act.

[6] Any advice or report received will be provided by the EPA to persons listed in s 51(5).



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Panel convener for the purposes of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024