
MINUTE 4 OF THE PANEL CONVENER
Directions following Convener's Conference [FTAA-2605-1236]
7 August 2026

[1] NZSki Limited seeks approvals for the upgrade and development of infrastructure at the Remarkables Ski Area, and expansion and development of ski activities, trails and associated infrastructure within the adjacent Doolans Basin.

[2] A conference was held on Thursday 6 August 2026 at 10am. I am grateful for the consideration given to this application in the detailed memoranda filed. A list of those who attended the conference is attached to this memorandum and marked "A". The EPA will provide the memoranda to the panel after it is set up; the memoranda provide a snapshot of the current topics and issues.

[3] NZSki proposes, and the other participants support, a four-week delay to the panel's appointment. NZSki also proposes the timeframe for a decision be extended to 110 working days.

Engagement

[4] The participants reported that there was a good level of engagement by NZSki Ltd prior to lodgement of the application. However, engagement reduced following lodgement. NZSki says this was neither intentional nor due to any constraint in the availability of counsel or consultants. Rather, it resulted from the time required to consider feedback from the local authorities and the Department of Conservation.

[5] NZSki is increasing engagement through a series of workshops held last

week. Additional workshops are planned. It therefore asks that the panel be appointed in four weeks' time.

[6] As outlined by NZSki there are good reasons for proceeding this way, not least because front-end engagement supports more efficient and cost-effective processes downstream and supports the panel's processes.

[7] Accordingly, the nominal date for panel appointment is **Monday 7 September 2026**.

Kā Rūnaka and Te Rūnanga o te Ngāi Tahu

[8] The ability of Kā Rūnaka to participate in this fast-track application is uncertain.

[9] In principle, NZSki agrees to meet Kā Rūnaka's actual and reasonable costs. However, NZSki takes issue with the reasonableness of two elements of the costs estimate provided. The disagreement does not concern the cost of providing expert commentary on the application.

[10] I encourage NZSki and Kā Rūnaka to explore a satisfactory resolution to this issue.

Group email list

[11] The participants are to advise by **Monday 10 August 2026** whether they agree to their contact details being provided in a group email list. The list will be administered by Charlotte Coyle, Lane Neave.

Directions

[12] By consent, I directed NZSki, having conferred with the other participants, to file a memorandum by **Thursday 13 August 2026** setting out the (preferably

agreed) timing and sequencing of future workshops and the outputs from those workshops.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane".

Jane Borthwick

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

Attachment A

Convenor conference attendees

1. Applicant team
 - Paul Anderson – NZSki
 - Ross Lawrence – NZSki
 - Joshua Leckie – Legal Counsel
 - Charlotte Coyle – Legal Counsel
 - Kirsty O'Sullivan – Consultant Planner
2. Queenstown Lakes District Council
 - Onur Oktem
 - Fiona Blight
 - Sarah Scott – Legal Counsel
 - Marcus Langman – Consultant Planner
3. Otago Regional Council
 - Angela Fenemor – Consultant Planner
 - Annie O'Connor – Legal Counsel
4. Central Otago District Council
 - Fiona Garrett
 - Louise Taylor – Consultant Planner
 - Jayne Macdonald – Legal Counsel
5. Department of Conservation
 - Jenny Clafferty
 - Ellieda Komene – DoC Solicitor
6. Kā Rūnaka representing:
Te Rūnanga o Moeraki, Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki, Te Rūnanga o
Ōtākou, Hokonui Rūnanga, Waihōpai Rūnaka, Te Rūnanga o Awarua, Te
Rūnanga o Ōraka-Aparima
 - Shane Ellison
 - Ben Williams – Legal Counsel