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NZSki Ltd – Fast-track Approvals Act Application

Section 30(3)(b) Notice under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA)

Thank you for your email dated 29 April 2026 providing notice under section 30(2) of the FTAA that NZSki Ltd will be seeking an approval described in section 42(4)(a) of the FTAA for the Remarkables Ski Area Upgrade and Doolans Expansion Project.

From the information provided to date, we understand that the application will apply to the site at the Remarkables Ski Area (253 Remarkables Ski Field Access Road, Kawarau Falls, Queenstown).

In accordance with section 30(3)(b) of the FTAA, we advise that there are no existing resource consents authorising the same or similar activities at the site.

In reaching this position, the Council has relied on the following information:

- NZSki - ORC form - Request for fast-track consent preapplication dated February 2026;
- NZSki Project Overview presentation dated February 2026;
- NZSki Remarkables Upgrade and Doolans Expansion Project Draft Terrestrial Ecological Impact Assessment dated April 2026;
- NZSki Remarkables Upgrade and Doolans Expansion - Doolans Creek Water Take For Consultation dated April 2026;
- NZSki Remarkables Upgrade and Doolans Expansion - Doolans Tarns, Weir and Watertake Draft report dated April 2026;
- NZSki Ltd letter to ORC providing notification under Section 30 of the Fast-track Approvals Act dated 29 April 2026;
- A pre-application meeting to discuss an overview of the proposal held on 20 February 2026;
- A preapplication workshop to discuss terrestrial ecology with the ORC and Central Otago District Council's experts on 25 March 2026
- A pre-application workshop to discuss freshwater ecology with ORC and Central Otago District Council experts on 27 March 2026
- A pre-application workshop to discuss the wastewater discharge with the ORC and Queenstown Lakes District Council experts held on 1 April 2026
- A pre-application workshop to discuss transportation with Queenstown Lakes District Council experts, attended by the ORC Public Transport team, held 15 April 2026
- Three site visits:
 - 1 April 2026 (attended by wetland expert on behalf of Otago Regional Council);



- 24 April 2026 (attended by freshwater ecologist on behalf of Otago Regional Council); and
- 30 April 2026 (attended by hydrologist on behalf of Otago Regional Council)

Of particular relevance to the section 30(3)(b) assessment is the proposed abstraction of water from Doolans Creek. As acknowledged in the information presented to the Council, there are existing resource consents authorising the take and use of water from Doolans Creek. Based on the allocation limits calculated in accordance with the Regional Plan: Water for Otago, it is considered that the proposed abstraction of water for potable supply and snowmaking and the existing consents could both be fully exercised concurrently. Accordingly, it is not considered that section 124C(1)(c) of the RMA would apply in this instance.

No other resource consents authorising the abstraction of surface water from Doolans Creek have been identified. However, it is expected there could be a number of surface water takes operating as permitted activities under the Regional Plan: Water for Otago.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on 0800 474 082 or by emailing consents.fasttrack@orc.govt.nz

Yours sincerely,

