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Tēnā Koe,

Invitation to comment on the Remarkables Ski Area Upgrade and Doolans Expansion project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Remarkables Ski Area Upgrade and Doolans Expansion project under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I note that Kā Rūnaka have raised material and unresolved concerns that the application may not adequately recognise or provide for the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 and may therefore engage the obligation in section 7 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I encourage the Panel, before determining the application, to obtain sufficient information and legal assurance to establish that its decision and any associated approvals will be consistent with the Settlement Act, including the statutory acknowledgement for Te Wairere and the cultural significance of affected taonga species, wāhi tūpuna, cultural landscapes, waters and other taonga.

I support Kā Rūnaka to be reasonably resourced and to have the opportunity to assess the proposal and proposed conditions. If these matters cannot be adequately addressed within the current process and timeframe, I encourage the Panel to consider deferring determination or providing an appropriate extension, rather than determining the application in the absence of a complete mana whenua assessment.

Nāku noa, nā

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