

To Hurunui District Council

From: Serge A Bonnafoux

This is my submission on an application for the Conical Hill Flyline resource consent from the Hurunui District Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the resource consent application for the Conical Hill Flyline

I am submitting as a permanent resident and rates payer of Hanmer Springs. I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of Section 308B of the RMA 1991.

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:

The unbearable loss of quiet and comfort for the large number of the visitors to Conical Hill Reserve

The application forecast is for an exponential growth of users over the years reaching 97,000 in the third year. Those would add up to an already estimated 80,000 visitors. This is contrary to well being as it will create excessive noises disturbance and presents a very high risk of degradation of tracks as well as flora and fauna.

Removal and pruning of trees is unacceptable, as it would potentially create a domino effect by rendering the ground more vulnerable to erosion and open to risk of landslide, not mentioning the increase risk with future earthquakes. The RMA Section 6(h) provides for requirements and management of significant risks and natural hazards.

The building of towers as well as the base station will increase those risks and hazards.

The removal of the trees listed in the addendum:

APPLICATION TO Hurunui District Council Land Use Consent and Reserves Act Permission Gravity Based Recreation Activity Conical Hill, Hanmer Springs from June 2021

Is partially contravening the Hurunui District Council Tree management Policy in particular Section 19 REMOVAL OF COUNCIL TREES AND VEGETATION.

The Conical Hill vast area is notorious for hosting a number of endemic and native fauna species such as Geckos and Karearea. The RMA section 6(c) obligates councils to protect them. In the case of Geckos relocation to any other area is not doable and mitigation as defined in Section 5 (2) (c) is in this case not an option. The threat to so valuable creatures by relocating them is to high And there is no question to the fact that if Geckos have eklected to live on Conical Hill and the surrtoundings it is because the biodiversity of their environment cannot be found elsewhere.

The lack of parking and increase of traffic:

All businesses including the HSTPS are required to provide an adequate number of carparking. The project of the Flyline (a business) does not seem to have to

provide any carpark at all. It is a steep walk to access to what could be the base platform and there is no doubt that potential users of the attraction would drive as close as possible to the start. They would park on adjacent roads, driveways, private properties. This would see an increase of noise for the neighbouring residents but also a huge release of carbon monoxide carbon from the exhaust fumes putting at risk an already fragile environment. The exemption is not tolerable and remediation must be considered.

In summary the proposal will have unacceptable adverse effects on the amenity of local residents and visitors of Conical Hill Reserve.

The proposal does not achieve the relevant objectives and policies of the Hurunui District plan

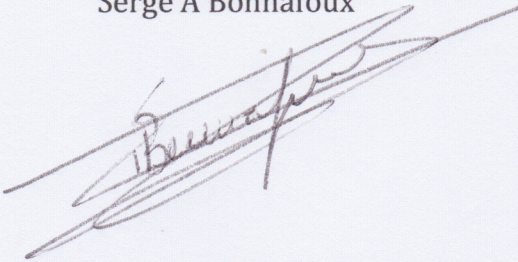
The Proposal is inconsistent with the provisions of the Reserve Management Plan.

I ask the following decision from the consent authority:

That the consent for the proposed Flyline be declined in its entirety.

I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

Serge A Bonnafoux

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Serge A Bonnafoux', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.