

Form 13



Submission on application concerning resource consent that is subject to public notification by Hurunui District Council

Sections 95A Resource Management Act 1991

Please do not hesitate to phone the planning section at the Hurunui District Council (ph 03 314 8816) if you require any assistance.

To: Hurunui District Council

This is a submission on an application from Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa (the applicant) for a resource consent to install and operate a gravity-based recreation activity (flyride) on the western face of the Conical Hill Reserve at 54 Lucas Lane, Hanmer Springs.

Submitter details

1. Name of Submitter *

Mary Clay and Damian Blogg

Please provide your full name

2. For the purposes of Section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991: *

- I am a trade competitor
- I am not a trade competitor

3. I am or I am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:

- a) adversely affects the environment; and**
- b) does not relate to trade competition or effects of trade competition**

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- I am affected
- I am not affected

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

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It is our view that the proposal does not meet the objectives and policies of the Hurunui District Plan, and is inconsistent with the overarching reserve management plan.

While we are not against the concept of a flyride development somewhere in the Hanmer Basin, it is our view that Conical Hill is not the appropriate place for such a proposal. The impact of the flyride would be significant, particularly in terms of noise from both riders and the machinery itself, and would adversely affect the tranquil characteristics of the Conical Hill Reserve area. Currently, users of the walkway can enjoy listening to native birds, and this peaceful and pleasant environment will be ruined by the screaming and yelling that accompanies such flyride developments in other parts of the country.

We would also note that it is our opinion that Hanmer Springs would be better to develop tourist attractions that 'stand out from the crowd'. There is no real point in offering the same experience as is offered in many other tourist towns in New Zealand and around the world. Flyrides/ziplines can be found everywhere, and are not unique nor special. Hanmer Springs would be far better to seek a point of difference and to embrace different visitor experiences that will not affect the visual and intrinsic amenity of the existing Conical Hill area and wider Hanmer Springs environment.

5. My submission is in *

- SUPPORT
 OPPOSITION

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Include whether you support, oppose or are neutral to specific parts of the application or wish to have them amended and provide reasons for your views. This may be provided on a separate sheet if you need more space.

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6. I seek the following decision from the consent authority: *

give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought

Decline the application in its entirety

6.1 Additional information regarding my submission

If you have any additional information please attach the files here.

7. Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission *

- I do wish to be heard
 I do not wish to be heard

8. If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing. *

- Yes
 No

9. In pursuant to Section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991: I request / do not request that the council delegate their functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority. *

- I request
 I do not request

11. Contact details for the submitter:

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Date *

05/08/2021

Note to submitter

- o By using this electronic form, a copy of the submission will be sent to the address for service of the applicant automatically.
- o The closing date for serving submissions on the consent authority is 5pm on the 20th working day after the date on which public notification is given (5th August 2021).
- o If you are a trade competitor, your right to make a submission may be limited by the trade competition provisions in [Part 11A](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- o If you make a request under [section 100A](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991, you must do so in writing no later than 5 working days after the close of submissions and you may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the hearings commissioner or commissioners.
- o Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):
 - it is frivolous or vexatious:
 - it discloses no reasonable or relevant case:
 - it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further:
 - it contains offensive language:
 - it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.