

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 *

Jason Fletcher

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: *

All of the application

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.

I am in full support of the application.

My understanding is that this ride is a first in New Zealand and there is only one other location in the world. This will provide a unique attraction to Hanmer Springs for both international and domestic tourism. It is timely to bring a new product onto the market as the country opens the borders to international travelers, and it is also timely as this will stimulate domestic tourists to return back to Hanmer Springs, particularly for those who have seen everything we have had to offer in the past and not been back for a while.

Clearly another attraction will create further employment and generate an economic return to the district.

Being situated on the west side of the hill will ensure any noise or visual pollution will be mitigated and I do not see the tower height breaches as being an issue given they are in gullies that effectively keep them out of sight. The design is such that it blends in well with the environment.

Having operated a business for 16 years (nine of those living onsite) in a property located in close proximity to the Conical Hill Walkway I have overserved the behaviours of users of the track. It is my opinion that the vast majority of users prefer to walk up the road from the village centre or accommodation and very few use their car. I can not recall a time when parking has been an issue in the area. I believe that the introduction of this attraction will have little impact on the parking in the area, and believe the vast majority will use the direct route up Conical Hill Road and the Conical Hill Walkway to access the start point. I do not agree with other concerns expressed that residents in the Acheron Heights/Alpine Ave area will be significantly impacted. It is not practical for people to divert to these alternate entry points.

This is an opportunity for the business to work with the community by way of collaborating with the Hanmer Springs Track Network to further enhance the cycling, walking and riding experience in the Conical Hill Reserve and neighboring areas. A development plan with contribution from the business into the design and funding could ensure that a direct community benefit is realised from this venture.

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

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

Approved the application in full. Apply condition that the business will collaborate with the Hanmer Springs Track Network Group to develop the trails in the Conical Hill Reserve and adjoining properties by way of contributing to the design and funding of the Track Development Plan

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 *

18/04/2021

Note to submitter

- By using this electronic form, a copy of the submission will be sent to the address for service of the applicant automatically.
- The closing date for serving submissions on the consent authority is the 20th working day after the date on which public notification is given (19 April 2021).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.