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- How you intend to work with iwi, and a summary of your engagement with iwi to date.
- Information about your experience and capability, or the experience and capability of your key employees, to run the ski field, including health and safety matters on the ski field.
- Information about the financial viability of your company. We note you may have already provided this to Kānoa, in which case you may be able to simply provide the same information to the department.
- Assurance you can provide annual financial statements.
- Assurance you are willing and capable to take on the conditions of RAL's concessions.

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Please contact me if you have any questions about this process or the information to provide.

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