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Tēnā koe Connor,

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 31 July 2024, in which you asked for:

“copies of the Concession (Lease and Licence) documents for active commercial ski fields in New Zealand.

The ski fields that should be included in this disclosure are:

- *NZSKI Ltd: 35128-SKI, OT-34108-SKI, PAC-13-06-48*
- *Mount Dobson Ski Area Ltd: 82598-SKI*
- *Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited: 40011-SKI, 48601-SKI; and*
- *Broken River Ski Club Inc: CA-160-SKI”*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. Copy of the Concession (Lease and Licence) documents for active commercial ski fields in New Zealand including NZSKI Ltd. Concessions: 35128-SKI, OT-34108-SKI, PAC-13-06-48.

For concession 35128-SKI, I have released in part, a copy of the active contract (Item 2), and for completeness the Deed of Variation from 2020 (Item 1) which amended that contract. I have included a partially redacted copy of the active contract for concession OT-34108-SKI (Item 7). Coronet Peak's ski field concession PAC-13-06-48 expired in 2014, and because the active concessions were requested, this document has not been included. However, I have released in part a copy of Coronet Peak ski field's active concession, 74167-SKI (Item 8).

2. Copy of the Concession (Lease and Licence) documents for active commercial ski fields in New Zealand including Mount Dobson Ski Area Ltd. Concession: 82598-SKI

I have attached a partially redacted copy of the active contract for concession 82598-SKI (Item 4).

3. Copy of the Concession (Lease and Licence) documents for active commercial ski fields in New Zealand including Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited. Concessions: 40011-SKI, 48601-SKI.

For concession 40011-SKI, I have released in part the contract (Item 3). In December 2021, the concessionaire was granted one five-year right of renewal as per clause Three, Schedule Two of the concession. Please note that concession 48601-SKI for Tūroa was surrendered in 2024 and has therefore not been included. The active concession for this ski-field however is 109883-SKI, held by Pure Tūroa Limited. This concession document is publicly available via the below link:

[pure-turoa-limited-lease-and-licence-final-redacted.pdf \(doc.govt.nz\)](#)

4. Copy of the Concession (Lease and Licence) documents for active commercial ski fields in New Zealand including Broken River Ski Club Inc. Concession CA-160-SKI

I have attached a partially redacted copy of the active contract for concession CA-160-SKI (Item 5) and a Deed of Variation from 2009 for completeness (Item 6).

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- personal contact details of officials, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people,
- commercially sensitive information, under section 9(2)(i) – to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities,

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act and determined there are no public interests that outweigh the grounds for withholding.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached documents may be published on the Department's website.

If you would like to discuss this response with us, please contact Christine Butler, Permissions Manager by email to chbutler@doc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



Phillippa Fox
Director Regulatory Authorisations
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Table 1 - Schedule of documents

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	16 November 2020	35128-SKI Concession – Contract – Deed of Variation	Released in part – Section 9(2)(a)
2	23 December 2019	35128-SKI Concession – Contract – Lease and Licence and Easement	Released in part – Sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(i)
3	15 December 2015	40011-SKI Concession – Contract - Licence	Released in part – Sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(i)
4	7 March 2023	82598-SKI Concession – Contract – Lease and Licence	Released in part – Sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(i)
5	20 March 2000	CA-160-SKI Concession – Contract – Licence	Released in part – Sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(i)
6	18 February 2009	CA-160-SKI Concession – Contract – Deed of Variation	Released in part – Section 9(2)(a)
7	10 August 2015	OT-34108-SKI Concession – Contract – Lease	Released in part – Sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(i)
8	22 December 2023	74167-SKI Concession – Contract – Lease and Licence and Easement	Released in part – Sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(i)