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From: Meredith Lawry s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 26 June 2024 1:33 pm
To: Listed Projects
Cc: Neil Deans [EXTERNAL] (DOC)
Subject: RE: [IN-CONFIDENCE]Feedback on FTA#323 - Cardrona Valley Ski Gondola and Ski Area Development requested

Kia ora,
This project does not appear to be ineligible.

The only PCL affected is the marginal strip to the Cardrona River.

Concession (likely an easement) and a Wildlife Act Permit would be needed. Other approvals may be required.

There could be fish species present in the Cardrona River, so any new vehicle access/ bridge would need to adhere to fish passage guidelines and fish passage authorisations might be required.

The Assessment of Effects identified protected species within the proposed activity area including orange spotted gecko, a Nationally Vulnerable lizard, McCanns skinks and southern grass skinks (which have a threat status of At Risk – Declining) and New Zealand Pipit, which is Nationally Threatened.

The area is a Right of First Refusal area under the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act; we would recommend engaging with Ngāi Tahu to understand their views on the project.

There are complexities in the Otago Conservation Management Strategy (2016) policies for where motorised vehicles are allowed on public conservation land that would need to be worked through.
The terrestrial ecological assessment for the proposed access lift route identified:

- areas of high ecological value including five Nationally Threatened plants
- indigenous plant communities and habitats for indigenous fauna of high to very high ecological value and ecologically significant
- wetlands and rocky habitats are classified as Naturally Uncommon ecosystems

Pending Heritage Assessment recommendations, an authority from Heritage NZ might be required.

We are not aware of any history of compliance issues with the applicant regarding conservation approvals.

Thanks,
Meredith

From: Listed Projects <ListedProjects@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 1:36 PM
Subject: [IN-CONFIDENCE]Feedback on FTA#323 - Cardrona Valley Ski Gondola and Ski Area Development requested

Kia ora

This listed project application is for FTA#323 - Cardrona Valley Ski Gondola and Ski Area Development

The project has triggered your criteria for consultation.

Could you please provide comment on:

- whether the project requires any other related approvals from your agency
- if you are aware of anything that would render the project ineligible under clause 18 of the Bill
- if you are aware of any Treaty settlement matters which relate to the project site – such as local protocols
- any other relevant matter?

If possible, could you please provide your feedback by COB 26 June 2024. We understand you have a large number of assessments to get through do keep in touch if you need extra time with any specific application.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist.

Ngā mihi nui
MfE Listed Projects team

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