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Via email: DNSubmissions@doc.govt.nz

SUBMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION ON THE APPLICATION FOR CONCESSIONS BY QUEENSTOWN BUNGY LIMITED

Thank you for notifying us of the application by Queenstown Bungy Limited for two 20-year term concessions for the continuation of bungy and guiding activities at Skippers Bridge.

The Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) is neutral on renewal of the concessions, however it wishes to highlight the nature of the access road to all parties due to the duration and location of the concession activities.

Skippers Road is managed by QLDC and is used by the concessions this relate to, for access to the bungy and guiding activities. Due to the remote and mountainous nature of the road, cutting through a narrow and steep gorge, it is susceptible to geotechnical hazards and weather-related issues that necessitate frequent maintenance and often impact on access.

QLDC notes the potential that changes could occur to the road's access and/or maintenance regime in the future because of these issues and wishes to highlight that any renewal of the concession does not impose an obligation on QLDC to maintain the road.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely,

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