

Summary Statement for Real Journeys Limited (621/1341) and Te Anau Developments Limited (607/1342), 13 September 2016

Chapter 30 Energy and Utilities; Chapter 35 Temporary Activities & Relocated Buildings and Chapter 36 Noise

1. CHAPTER 30 ENERGY AND UTILITIES

- 1.1 Real Journeys wishes to ensure non-renewable electricity generation activities, such as the use of diesel generators is adequately provided for within the Proposed District Plan framework; especially because in remote locations such as Walter Peak, renewable electricity generation is currently, not a viable option. In addition, such non-renewable electricity generation is essentially to the operation of many tourism and farming businesses across the District.
- 1.2 Real Journeys supports proposed policy 30.2.1.2 as this policy allows for the operation, maintenance, repowering, and upgrade of non-renewable electricity generation activities across the District.
- 1.3 Nevertheless, we believe policy 30.2.3.7 needs to be more permissive to acknowledge that non-renewable electricity generation is an essential activity in remote locations where connection to the national grid is not a practical alternative.
- 1.4 There is significant demand to provide Wi-Fi coverage across the District to satisfy overseas visitors expectations, leading to the need to install satellite dishes and other telecommunication aerials, in remote areas, to access internet from providers such as Farmside.
- 1.5 Further, most of Real Journeys operational support functions, such as our reservation system, accounting system, health and safety management system rely on internet connectivity to ensure all these systems operate in real time. For example, in the case of our reservation system, real time connectivity is essential to ensure double booking does not occur. Consequently, it is important to the Districts Tourism Industry to ensure the Proposed District Plan provides for the installation and maintenance of such infrastructure, including when such equipment needs to be located within outstanding natural landscapes.
- 1.6 Real Journeys asserts that proposed Rule 30.4.23 needs to encompass more than river flood protection works; because it is very important for the District to ensure that repairs and maintenance to most forms of existing flood protection works are equally enabled.

2. CHAPTER 35 TEMPORARY ACTIVITIES & RELOCATED BUILDINGS

- 2.1 Real Journeys supports the change to Objective 35.2.5 as it provides for Temporary Storage in all locations.

- 2.2 The Council recognises the contribution that temporary events make to the economic, social and cultural wellbeing of the District; however from our perspective it seems short-sighted to restrict the permitted duration of temporary events to three days only.
- 2.3 We appreciate that the Council wishes to provide a more permissive regime for events held on public land, compared to events held on private land, ostensible in the believe that events on public land, provide a greater public benefit. However an organisation could obtain a one off DOC permit to operate a non-public event on public conservation land.
- 2.4 Moreover, events on private land are often public events such as the Winter Games held at Cardrona Alpine Resort. We believe regardless of designation of the land used to hold an event; events give rise to effects. The effects on the neighbouring land, in fact depend on the location of the event, not the land status of the site where the event is held.

3. CHAPTER 36 NOISE

- 3.1 Regarding proposed rule 36.4.2. Real Journeys asserts this rule should be broadened to encompass vessel signals, to ensure ships do not breach the noise standards when making the requisite signals when manoeuvring. For instance, when a vessel reverses out of a berth, the skipper is required to give three short blasts on the ships whistle prior to reversing. Many of the vessels operating in the District need to reverse out of the berths as a matter of course, consequently such signals are used multiple times per day in some locations.
- 3.2 Real Journeys supports the permitted activity status for noise emissions from emergency and back-up generators.
- 3.3 Real Journeys also supports removal of the noise testing requirements for motorised craft from the Proposed District Plan.
- 3.4 Nevertheless, we are still concerned about the likely non-complying status of our vessel noise emissions between 2000 and 0800 hours. Real Journeys believes setting lower noise emissions standards between 2000 and 0700 hours would be more enabling of water based public transport activities.
- 3.5 Moreover, Real Journeys contends noncompliance with proposed rule 36.5.15 should be provided for as a discretionary activity, not a non-complying activity.

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