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Submission on Concession Application
John Allendale Lee COC 336

Public Access New Zealand submits that this application be declined.

Our grounds for objection are a history of alleged breaches by Mr Lee of agreements with the Crown concerning Crown lands, the creation of conservation areas and covenants and public accessways on the Pisa Range, plus the physical effects of bridge construction on marginal strip values.

We believe that given that many matters arising from implementation of tenure review remain unresolved, it would be entirely inappropriate for DoC, who were parties to tenure review negotiations, to extend further privileges to Mr Lee. As a consequence of these matters the public have on occasions being denied access and recreational opportunities on the Pisa Range that were due to arise from tenure review, while Mr Lee has enjoyed considerable commercial benefit.

Granting of this application would further extend commercial benefits to the applicant without commensurate benefit to the public of New Zealand. We believe that the applied for use would worsen a currently untenable situation.

The proposed bridge would effectively block public access and inhibit recreational use along the marginal strip. That would be contrary to the purposes of marginal strips and the requirements of the Conservation Act. DoC has no obligation to grant this, or any other concession application.

I would like opportunity to speak to this submission.

Yours faithfully

Bruce Mason
Secretary