



SUBMISSION FORM

Submission on a Notified or Limited Notified Application for a Resource Consent

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Wish to ~~SUPPORT / OPPOSE~~ / submit a NEUTRAL submission on (circle one) the application of:

Name: [Kate Berkett](#)

And/or Organisation: [Meridian Energy Limited](#)

Application Number: [APP-20233670](#)

Location: [Lower Waiau River and Mararoa River; specifically at and around the Manapōuri Lake Control Structure, including the Waiau Arm at the confluence of the Waiau Arm and Mararoa River at or about NZTM2000 1186068E 4935096N.](#)

My reasons for my submission are:

[Real Journeys Limited](#) obtained two resource consents AUTH-20222195-01 (Land Use) and AUTH-20222195-02 (Discharge Permit) to enable the establishment and use of a temporary slipway on the bed and shoreline of the Lower Waiau River. [Real Journeys Limited](#) also has a licence agreement with [Meridian Energy Limited](#) which gives [Real Journeys](#) non-exclusive access to [Meridian Energy](#) land and access tracks adjacent [Manapōuri Lake Control Structure](#) for establishment and use of this temporary slipway.

This slipway was to be installed and used periodically as required (1x in 2022), to slip [Real Journeys Lake Manapouri catamarans](#) to undertake out of water, vessel surveys and maintenance. Typically [Real Journeys](#) undertakes this out of water survey and maintenance work on a three yearly cycle, however we are still subject to our Marine Surveyor's stipulations which can require a more frequent out of water vessel inspection.

The requirement to utilise this the Lower Waiau Arm site has recently increased because the remedial work undertaken along the Lower Waiau River banks from Pearl Harbour to Home Creek has narrowed the Home Creek slipway making it too narrow to haul out our smaller [Lake Manapouri catamaran \(Fiordland Flyer\)](#) at the Home Creek slipway.

Further the provisions of the current Fiordland National Park Management Plan make the development of a new slipway (with road access) large enough to accommodate Real Journeys Lake Manapouri catamarans very difficult.

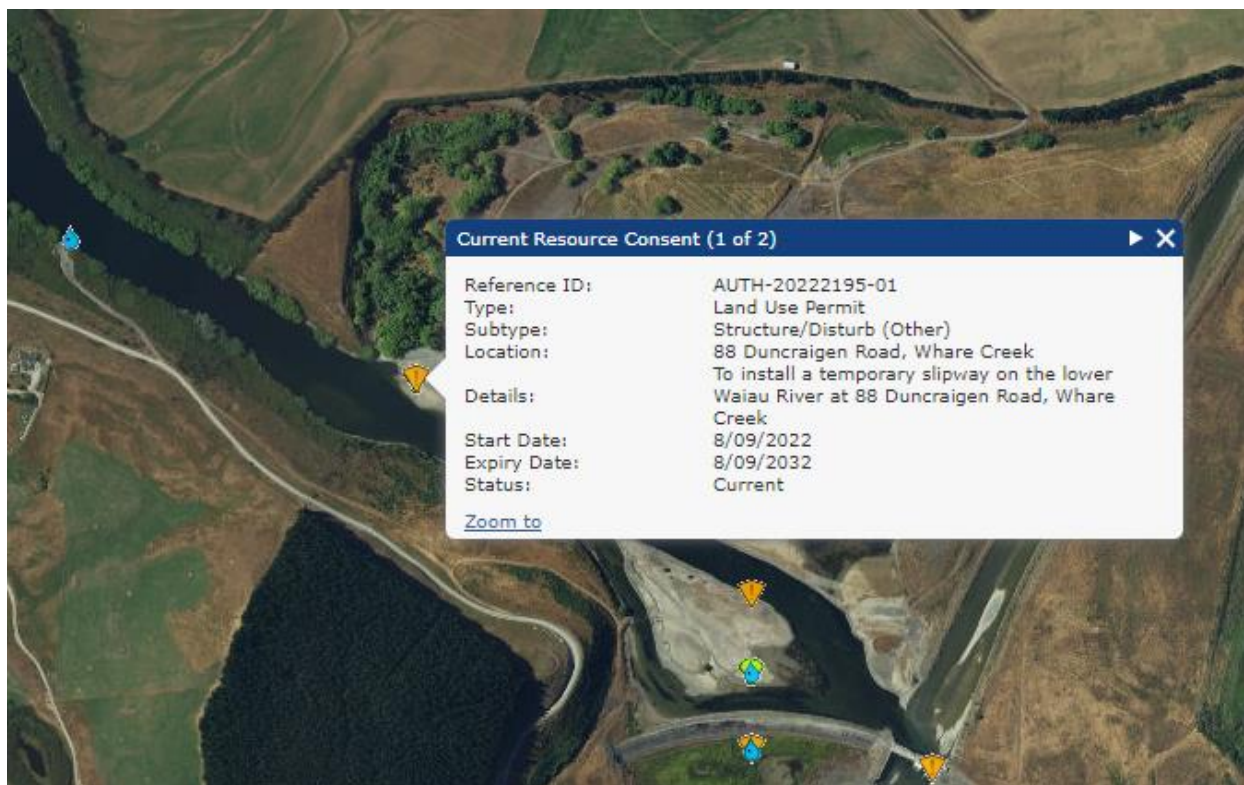
Also the ramp at Supply Bay on Lake Manapouri is too steep to slip vessels and is often unusable due to low lake levels. In 2017 Real Journeys established a temporary slipway at West Arm. However this was within the Fiordland National Park and required all the gear used to establish a slipway and slip a vessel to be transported by barge to and from West Arm making such a slipway project expensive, logistically challenging and not desirable given the National Park status. Accordingly in 2022 we hit on the idea of utilising a site on the Lower Waiau River (where the *Titiroa* was launched) to establish a temporary slipway as and when required.

Real Journeys operates vessels on Lake Manapouri to transport visitors to and from Deep Cove Taipaririki to enable our Doubtful Sound / Patea and Southern Fiords cruise operations. Real Journeys operates larger vessels (catamarans) on Lake Manapouri to reduce the number of vessel movements across the lake to mitigate the overall effects of our Lake Manapouri-Doubtful Sound Patea operation including fuel burn. Accordingly Real Journeys does not deem it practicable to operate more smaller vessels (that can be slipped at Home Creek) on Lake Manapouri, consequently Real Journeys requires a site to slip the company Lake Manapouri catamarans: *Fiordland Flyer* and *Titiroa*.

The location where this temporary slipway is authorised under AUTH-20222195-01 and AUTH-20222195-02 can be established, is directly affected by Meridian Energy Limited’s proposed Manapōuri Lake Control Improvement Project – refer figure 1. Specifically the proposed new parallel channel cuts through the location where the temporary slipway can be established, making the site where the temporary slipway can be installed unusable for that purpose.

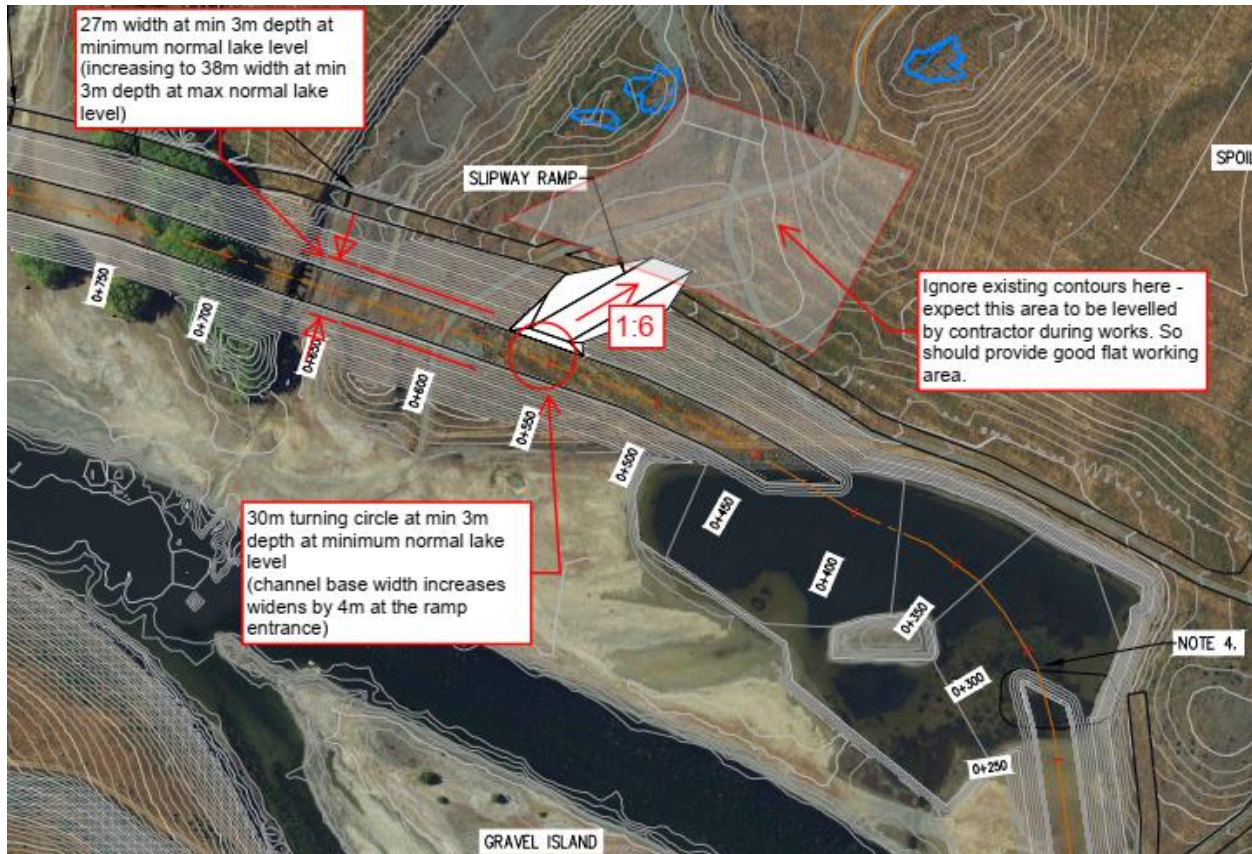
As a consequence Meridian Energy has proposed an alternative location for Real Journeys temporary slipway and a slipway ramp site (with road / track access) has been incorporated into the Project design – refer Figure 6.7 in Damwatch Construction Methodology report, drawing numbers E2243-102 Waiau Arm Channel Excavation Concept Design Excavation Plan, and E2243_108_REHABILITATION SITE PLAN (slipway markup) and the drawing segment below; figure 2.

Figure 1. Aerial view showing the location where Real Journeys temporary slipway can be established¹



¹ <https://maps.es.govt.nz/index.aspx?app=consents>

Figure 2. Drawing Number E2243_108_REHABILITATION SITE PLAN (slipway markup)



I wish the Council to make the following decision (*Give precise details, including the nature of any conditions sought*)

Despite being outside the overall intent of the Meridian Energy Proposed Manapouri Lake Control Improvement Project, Real Journeys Limited wishes to ensure that the “Slipway Ramp” shown in Figure 6.7 in Damwatch Construction Methodology report and drawing # E2243_108_REHABILITATION SITE PLAN (slipway markup) is authorised under the resource consents sought by Meridian Energy Limited. Noting that the top of the proposed slipway ramp is to be located at: NZTM 2000 Easting: 1185932; Northing: 4935392.

Real Journeys specifically requires this “Slipway Ramp” be provided for in the scope of the resource consents sought by Meridian Energy Limited as Real Journeys requires a site to slip our Lake Manapouri catamarans to maintain our vessels in safe and compliant operating order. Noting that Real Journeys will still need to seek variations to resource consent numbers AUTH-20222195-01 and AUTH-20222195-02 to provide for the establishment and use of a temporary slipway at the site of the proposed “Slipway Ramp” as shown in figure 2 above.

I, ~~am~~/am not (choose one) a trade competitor* of the applicant (for the purposes of Section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991).

*If trade competitor chosen, please complete the next statement, otherwise leave blank

I, ~~am~~/am not (choose one) directly affected by an effect as a result of the proposed activity in the application that:

- (a) adversely affects the environment; and
- (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

I, ~~do~~/do not (choose one) wish to be heard in support of my submission.

I, ~~do~~/do not (choose one) wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application.

I have served a copy of my submission on the applicant. Yes No



Signed _____

Date: [11 April 2024](#)

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3. A list of all submissions received will be provided to the applicant.
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