

21 March 2024

Mrs G Hogarth
Acting Team Leader Planning
Buller District Council
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Dear Gina,

Application for Resource Consent by: C R Malloy for a Commercial Jet Boating Operation on the Buller River.

Attached is an application for Resource Consent for a Commercial Jet Boating Operation on the Buller River.

Would you please process the application accordingly and if you require any additional information please contact me.

The applicant submitted a previous application for this activity under RC220042 that was assessed as incomplete. Council holds a credit for \$800.00 for RC220042. Please apply this credit as the deposit for this application. If further payment is due after processing the application, please include this is the final monitoring invoice.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION FOR LAND USE

Please complete all sections. Examples are provided in brackets to help you answer the questions. If you require assistance in completing the application please feel free to give us a call, or make an appointment at the Westport office, as a Duty Planner is available most days.

CHECKLIST

- Have you completed and signed the Application form?
- Have you completed and signed the attached Assessment of Environmental Effects form?
- Have you completed and signed the Assessment of the Activity against **Part 2 of the Resource Management Act (RMA)** and any relevant Objectives and Policies of the **Operative Buller District Plan** (in accordance with Schedule 4) and the **Proposed Te Tai Poutini Plan**? For assistance, please refer to the documents noted in the relevant sections of the application.
- Have you included any technical reports/assessments?
 - geotechnical assessment
 - Landscape assessment
 - Acoustics assessment – **Jet Boat Noise Assessment**
- Have you completed the 'Declaration to Accompany Application for Resource Consent' in regard to the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health (NES)? **Not applicable for this application.**
- Have you included a site plan? **Plans for proposal are included as Sheets 1 to 7**
- Have you included photos of the site, or
 - Plan to email photos to Council?**Not applicable for this application.**
- Have you included the deposit of \$1,000.00? **The applicant previously submitted an application for resource consent under RC220042. The Council holds a credit of \$800.00 for that application. Please use this credit for the deposit for this application and invoice anything extra on the final monitoring invoice.**

Please note that this is a deposit only and Council operates on a full cost recovery system. Therefore if the cost of processing the consent is more than the deposit, you will be charged the additional amount.
- Have you included a copy of the Record of Title (RT). The RT must not be older than 3 months), or **Not applicable because the consent is not linked to a freehold area.**
 - Do you wish Council to search a copy for you (for a cost of \$40.00 per RT)?
- Have you attached any completed and signed affected parties forms?
Refer to point 33 in the Assessment of Effects on the Environment.

Advice Note: Please attach separate sheet(s) if required.

APPLICANT DETAILS

1. Applicant is the owner/occupier prospective consent holder tick the appropriate box)

Applicant(s) name(s): (please write all names in full)

Craig Robert Malloy

Telephone: Business: not applicable Facsimile: not applicable

Private/Mobile: 027 625 5692

Email: malloy@windowslive.com

2. Postal Address: 1910 Coast Road, RD1, Runanga 7873
3. Property owner's name(s): (if different from above)
The Buller River is not "property"
4. Correspondence to be sent to the following name and address: (if different from applicant)

C/- Jan Coll
Chris J Coll Surveying Limited
PO Box 204
Westport

Telephone: Business: 03 789 8425 Facsimile: not applicable

Private/Mobile:

Email: jan@cjco.co.nz

anna@cjco.co.nz

PROPERTY DETAILS

5. Description of location of activity and/or property address: *(include the name of any relevant stream, river or other water body to which the application may relate, proximity to any well known landmark, etc)*
Buller River – from the floating basin to the Lyell
6. Valuation Roll Number: *(from rates or valuation)* Not applicable for this application.
7. Zone: Rural Zone Water under the operative District Plan
8. Size of Property: Not applicable for this application

RECORD OF TITLE DETAILS

9. Record of Title Reference: Not applicable for this application.
10. Legal Description: Not applicable for this application.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

11. A general description of what is proposed:

This application is to seek consent for a commercial jet boat operation on the Buller River. The proposed services to be provided by the operation will include scenic and adventure tours, trout fishing and transfers for cyclists up and down the Buller River to locations such as the start of the Old Ghost Road at the Lyell.

A set of plans numbered 1 to 7, showing various aspects of the proposed activity are included in the application documentation. The full extent of the run is shown on plan 1.

The majority of the jet boating activity will be undertaken within the area of blue as shown on the plan. The area of blue extends as far downstream as Te Kuha / Nine Mile and as far upstream as the Inangahua Confluence. The applicant is expecting to operate up to four trips per day within the blue marked area.

The orange marked area of the run south of Te Kuha and north of the Inangahua confluence will be reserved for extended tours such as trout fishing tours, extended scenic tours and for cycle transfers to the start of the Old Ghost Road track at the Lyell. These extended tours will be run on an as required basis and will not run more than twice per day.

Tours of this nature may require guests to be picked up from the Westport Marina.

The applicant proposes to launch the boat in the Buller River just northeast of the Berlins Café in the Lower Buller Gorge. The jet boat will park on the river just below the Berlins Café and will be based there throughout the day. Customers will board the boat at the parked location. Guest car parking is available at Berlins Café. The applicant has a private agreement with the owner of the Berlins Cafe that customers can park within the off-road car park there. There is also roadside parking opposite the café. Sheet 5 of the accompanying plans shows the launch area, pick and drop off point, and the car parking area at Berlins Café.

To launch the boat at the proposed location, would involve crossing a parcel of privately owned land adjacent to the river, Part Section 49, Block IV Inangahua SD. The applicant has sought a private approval from the landowner to allow him access across the parcel to the river.

The applicant engaged Safe and Sound Solutions to undertake an environmental noise assessment for the jet boating activity. The report J000559 dated 16th October 2022 is included in this application.

The jet boat that will be in operation is has undergone a full refit, which includes both the boat's hull and the critical components to ensure safe operation on the water.

The boat has a V8 engine with a muffled exhaust which has been ducted into the water by 90° elbows to reduce the noise impact to people, property, and the environment from a distance. For comparison, a typical jetboat exhaust is exposed above the water making the sound travel further.

Consultation has been undertaken with NZTA for the business signage, access onto the highway for the boat to enter and exit the launching point, and the activity of passengers crossing the highway from the Berlins Café carpark. A letter of approval from NZTA dated 22nd November 2023 for the location of the signage and the activities affecting the highway is included in this application.

Mr Malloy has also been working closely with Development West Coast who are excited about this venture and the benefits it will provide to the Coast's local economy.

12. Are any other consents required? Yes No

If yes, list consents below, and whether they have been applied for.

13. The reasons for the application and for choosing this site are:

There are no other similar activities running on the river at present. The West Coast is well renowned for its scenic beauty and people travel from all over the world to visit the Buller region. The tourist opportunities on the river are ideal to cater to this proposal which offers visitors to the region a unique opportunity to view the scenery from a different perspective and partake in the various recreational activities that the river offers.

14. The following is a full description of the proposed use of every building:

Not applicable for this application.

15. The following is a full description of all activities proposed to be carried out on the site outside of the buildings:

The proposed activities are that of a commercial jet boat operation. The services provided by the operation will include scenic and adventure tours on the river, trout fishing and transfers for cyclists up and down the Buller River to locations such as the start of the Old Ghost Road at the Lyell.

16. The following manufacturing processes are proposed: (describe fully)

Not applicable for this application.

17. Are any alterations to buildings proposed? Yes No

If yes, what is the nature of the proposed alterations?

18. State the height of any new buildings or alterations to existing buildings:

Not applicable for this application.

19. The proposed days and hours of operation per week are: (indicate any seasonal variations)

This application is to seek consent for the operation to run 7 days per week from 7.00AM to 7.00PM.

The operation would generally operate 6 days with 1 rest day. Having consent to operate 7 days allows for flexibility with weather and cancellations.

The hours of operation are expected to be:

8.00 AM to 6.00 PM (during daylight savings time)

8.00 AM to 4.00PM (during non-daylight savings time)

There would be no more than 4 trips in any one day and not more than 1 trip per day as far down as the Buller Bridge.

20. 2 people full-time and 1 people part-time will be employed.

21. Regular traffic movements are likely to be:

Traffic movements will include one vehicle and boat trailer exiting the state highway in the morning just northeast of the Berlins Café at the location marked on Sheet 5 of the accompanying plans and entering the state highway once per day in the later afternoon or early evening at the same location. There is a layby area at this location.

Staff and customer parking will be provided at Berlins Café. This is a commercial entrance onto the State Highway and as such provides for access onto the highway for commercial activities. The number of vehicle movements will depend on the number of bookings each day.

For shorter tours such as scenic or adventure tours, traffic movements would be expected to be less frequent. For example, if the activity is a fishing charter this would be expected to take longer than a scenic ride (ie. a morning or afternoon) the traffic movements as part of such activity could be 2 to 4 vehicle movements over a 4-hour period.

The traffic generated as a result of this activity is not expected to have any negative impacts on the operation of the state highway.

NZTA have provided an approval letter for the activities that affect the highway.

22. Show the number of carparks and location on the site diagram.

As stated above, customer parking will be provided at Berlins Café. There is sufficient parking for both café guests as well as the small number of vehicles that will be generated by the jet boating activity.

The location of the car park at the Berlins Café is shown on Sheet 5 of the accompanying plans.

23. If potable water is required for the site, how will this be provided?

Not applicable for this application.

24. If effluent disposal is required for the site, how will this be provided?

Not applicable for this application.

25. Will this proposal result in the need for any new services or changes to services to the site?
(ie water supply, electricity, telecommunications, sewage disposal, stormwater treatment, rubbish disposal)

Yes No

If yes, what new services or changes to services are proposed and who will be the service provider?

No new services are proposed. It could be expected that there may be some rubbish generated by visitors to the river. Any rubbish produced by the operation will be collected and disposed of offsite.

The applicant has a private arrangement with the owner of Berlins Café for guests to use the café facilities such as toilets etc.

26. If the application is for a subdivision or boundary adjustment are all wells, water pipes, water tanks, septic tanks, effluent soakage fields, and stormwater disposal systems contained on site? Yes No

Please show on a site plan the location of any of the above services not contained on site.

Not applicable for this application.

27. Details of the landscaping proposed are:

Not applicable for this application.

28. Will dangerous goods be stored on site (ie flammable liquids, gases, solids)? Yes No

If yes, what is the nature of the goods?

29. Are any new accessways proposed for the site? Yes No

30. Are any new signs or changes to existing signs proposed? Yes No

If yes, please provide a site diagram showing the location, dimensions, colour, exact message and dimensions of lettering and symbols, how the sign is to be fixed to the ground/building.

There is an existing sign for the Berlins Café to the east of the Café. The sign is located on a fence within Part Section 54, Block VIII Ohika SD. This sign can be seen from State Highway 6 when travelling west. The existing sign is to be replaced with a new sign for both the café and the jet boating operation. Mr Malloy has consulted with NZTA regarding signage on the highway and an approval letter from NZTA is included in this application showing the approved image of the sign and approved location.

32. Do you wish to be contacted prior to a member of the Planning Department undertaking a site visit?

Yes No

Please contact Craig Malloy or Jan Coll prior to the site visit.

SIGNATURE AND DATE

Dated at Westport this 21st day of March 2024

Signed:



(to be signed by or on behalf of the applicant)



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ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

1. Answer all questions fully. Some may not apply to your proposal.
2. Please provide a locality map.
3. Contact the Planning Department with any queries or if you require assistance.

Physical

1. Describe the:

- (a) **landforms** (e.g. mountains, hills, cliffs, streams, rivers, valleys, beaches, lakes, gorges, caves, paddocks)

Varied landforms make up the riverbanks.

- (b) **land slopes** (e.g. steep, flat, rolling, angle of slope)

Flat riverbed with sloping banks either side.

- (c) **soils** (e.g. sand, clay, rock, fill, name of soil)

Not applicable for this application

2. Describe any potential for natural hazards (e.g. flooding, erosion, land slip)

There is potential for natural hazards affecting the river such as flooding. Due to health and safety, in the occurrence of any flooding or other natural hazard affecting the river the jet boating activity will not be operating at that time.

3. Are any of the following present in the area? (delete which do not apply)

- (a) river protection works
(b) bridges
(c) railways and roads
(d) ~~telephone/electricity wires or cables~~

Please indicate these features on a site diagram/map.

A plan of the proposed run, showing relevant features is included in the application.

Flora, Fauna and Ecosystems

4. **Describe the vegetation within the application area. List the major species, and any rare or endangered species. (“Native bush” and “scrub” is not a satisfactory answer).**

The vegetation along the river is mainly beech forest with podocarp at lower altitudes. Closer to Westport the vegetation is predominantly grassed paddocks used for farming and within Westport is the built-up wharf and marina area. The proposed activity is not expected to impact on vegetation along the river.

5. **Will native vegetation clearance occur? If so, how much? No.**
6. **Describe and/or list the birdlife, wildlife, freshwater and marine life within the application area, or in the vicinity and any recognised special wildlife habitats (“usual West Coast wildlife” or similar is not a satisfactory answer).**

Within the Buller River there are a number of freshwater species such as trout, kawhai, eels as well as other river life such as insects and during the whitebait season, whitebait. A number of bird species also dwell on or near the river such as weka, ducks, shags and seagulls. Small bird species are also found near the banks of the river such as fantails, tui and bell birds.

7. **Describe the effects the activity will have on ecosystems, including effects on plants or animals, any physical disturbance of habitats in the area.**

The proposal is not expected to contribute to physical disturbance to any ecosystems or habitats in the area.

A noise assessment has been undertaken by Safe and Sound Solutions to assess the environmental noise due to the proposal. The report notes that over an 8 hour period the resulting increase in noise will be between 2.5dB and 5.8dB above the assumed background noise level for a period of approximately 3 minutes at any point along the river during the operation of the jet boat. Therefore, it is not expected that the operation will adversely affect any wildlife habitats in vegetation along the river.

Both the Department of Conservation and Fish & Game have been contacted as part of this application to seek their input around the considerations of the effects on fish and game and any habitat disturbance that could be associated with the proposed activity.

Both Fish & Game and DoC have noted that they do not have any concerns related to the activity as proposed.

Dean Kelly, Manager of West Coast Fish and Game Council stated that the river is fairly large in the area of the proposed activity and there are no real spawning gravels to disturb unless they intend to enter smaller tributaries of the Inangahua River during the winter months.

The extent of the run is shown on the plan that accompanies the application and there is no intention for the activity to be undertaken on tributaries of the Inangahua River.

Pete Graham, Senior Ranger of DoC Kawatiri has also stated that there are no concerns with jet boat use on the river. There are no known nesting sites on the identified stretches of river. Effects on whitebait and the fishermen should be considered when operating from the floating basin during whitebait season. DoC would also be interested in receiving reports of any wildlife observed in areas such as the Lyell, because there have been reports of Whio being spotted in the area.

The applicant is happy to provide feedback to DoC with any wildlife that is observed near the Lyell.

The operation will only launch from the floating basin on an as required basis. No more than two trips per day will be operated from the floating basin. The marina is a speed restricted area, and the operation will abide by the rules and laws of this area. Consideration will also be noted within the SOP for the jet boating operation.

Land Use

8. Describe the current land use (give as many details as possible).

The current use of the river is public use for recreational activities such as kayaking, fishing, swimming, and jet boating.

9. Describe neighbouring land uses.

The neighbouring land uses vary along the river from rural, commercial, and residential as you get closer to Westport township.

10. What is the public use of the area?

The river is always available for public use.

11. Describe any recreational uses that occur on the land.

Recreational use along the riverbanks is available to the public such as fishing, swimming, kayaking as well as other activities on the riverbanks.

12. What is the intended post-activity vegetation cover and land use? (e.g. forestry, road, residential subdivision, pasture, etc)

There is to be no change to any vegetation as part of this application or activity. The use of the land along the riverbanks will not change.

13. What effect will this application have on alternative uses of the land, resources and/or the environment at present or in the future? (discuss the reasons for your answer)

The application will not have any effect on alternative uses of the river for other users.

14. Describe the present land surface and how it will be rehabilitated (if applicable).

Not applicable for this application.

Contingencies or Safeguards

15. If your activity includes the use of hazardous substances and installations, provide an assessment of any risks to the following which are likely to arise from such use:

(a) risks to the physical environment

The risk of hazardous substances such as oil or fuel entering the river as part of the activity would be considered minimal because the boat will be refuelled out of the water. Maritime rules require no passengers on board when refuelling occurs.

Any boat maintenance would also be undertaken prior to the boat entering the river.

(b) the neighbourhood

Not applicable for this application.

(c) the wider community

Not applicable for this application.

16. Describe any mitigation measures (safeguards and contingency plans where relevant) to be undertaken to help prevent or reduce the actual or potential effect of any

chemical or other contaminant accidents (i.e. where will the contents go, how will they be contained, treated, recycled or disposed?)

Refuelling and maintenance will be undertaken prior to the boat entering the water as per Maritime rules.

17. Describe any possible alternative locations or methods for undertaking the activity.

Not applicable for this application.

Monitoring

18. How will the effects of the activity be monitored?

It is anticipated that there will be no significant effects generated as a result of this application.

19. Who will monitor the effects of the activity?

If required, though this is considered to be unlikely, Buller District Council.

Socio-economic Impacts

20. State the number of people who will work at the site:

1-2 people will be employed full time and possibly one other person part time.

21. Give details of the hours of work (provide details of any shift times)

The Land Use Consent application is seeking consent for the operation 7 days per week from 7.00AM to 7.00PM.

The hours of operation are anticipated to be:

8.00 AM to 6.00 PM (during daylight savings time)

8.00 AM to 4.00PM (during non-daylight savings time)

The operation would generally only run 6 days out of 7 but having the ability to operate 7 days a week will give flexibility with weather and booking times.

22. Do you intend working on weekends or outside the hours 7.00am to 6.00pm?

Yes No Not applicable for this application.

See above regarding hours of work. Weekends would be expected to be among the most popular times for bookings.

Noise

23. Is a residential area or any occupied dwelling close by or within the application area.

Yes No

There are rural residential dwellings on properties along the river. Residential dwellings within the Westport township are separated from the river by the Esplanade and the recreational domain and the strip of land between the esplanade and the river.

24. Give details and distances.

All properties adjacent to the river can be seen clearly on the aerial imagery shown on the plans that accompany this application. The dwellings on the true left of the river are generally raised on terraces. Properties on the true right along Nine Mile Road are set back some distance approximately 200m from the bank of the river. The dwelling in the northwestern corner of Lot 1, D.P.366595 is approximately 40m to 50m from the bank of the river.

25. Give details of any anticipated noise levels and likely impacts on both wildlife and residents in the area.

A noise assessment has been undertaken by Safe and Sound Solutions to assess the environmental noise due to the proposal. The report notes that over an 8-hour period the resulting increase in noise will be between 2.5dB and 5.8dB above the assumed background noise level for a period of approximately 3 minutes at any point along the river during the operation of the jet boat. Therefore, it is not expected that the operation will adversely affect any residents along the river or wildlife habitats in the vegetation along the river for any extended period of time.

26. Details of noise reduction measures (*rubber lined hoppers, mufflers, shelters, vegetation or soil screens, etc.*)

The jet boat has a muffled exhaust which is ducted into the water by 90° elbows to reduce the noise impact to people, property and the environment.

All commercial jet boats must comply with the noise standard Part 82 of Maritime Transport Act 1994 New Zealand.

Explosives

27. Will you use explosives? Yes No

28. If so give details of purpose, public warning methods, frequency, timing, storage and handling facilities, type and quantity of blast. Discuss the impacts blasting will have on nearby residents and any measures that will be taken to minimise such effects.

Not applicable for this application.

Maori Interests

29. Give details of particular Maori interest in the land or water within or bordering the application area, or likely to be affected by the application (*sacred or spiritual sites and values, traditional food gathering areas, etc.*)

"Water is woven deep into our identity as Ngāi Tahu. Without wai there is less mahinga kai for our people. No whitebaiting, no catching tuma, no access to watercress, and challenges for accessing safe drinking water for our marae. Water is the foundation for physical life, but for Māori there are further layers of meaning to these activities that make healthy waterways critical for the sustenance of Ngāi Tahu culture and spirituality. So many Ngāi Tahu practices rely on access to the resources freshwater sustains."

“...the mauri, mana, and health of each body of water should be the primary consideration before looking at using it for other purposes.”¹

The “mauri, mana and health” of the Kawatiri (Buller River) is very important to Ngāti Waewae - the mana whenua whose rohe the river flows within in the area under application.

There are multiple Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori notified in Schedule Three of the proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (TTPP) along the Kawatiri i.e. SASM10 (Kawatiri Pā - Pā site), SASM12 (Kawatiri Town Reserve - Current and former Māori Reserve) and SASM25 (Tiroroa - Pā site).

SASM20 (Te Kuha - Former & Current Māori Reserve) shows in TTPP mapping as spanning the river channel. Legal boundaries as shown in the cadastre and TTPP mapping appear to have moved since the creation of this parcel, but it is still relevant.

As part of the application, to address Māori interests related to the proposed activity, consultation has been undertaken with mana whenua.

Susan Aitken, who was engaged by Poutini Environmental, discussed the proposal with Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and provided us with their feedback on various matters related to our proposal.

Potential concerns of Ngāti Waewae in relation to the activity centred around possible degradation of the mauri of the wai as a result of potential adverse environmental effects to habitats, fauna and water quality. The specific concerns were related to impacts of the operation on bird habitat and instream native species, risk of contaminants entering water from refuelling, and conditions around loading area.

During conferencing, Susan advised that if further consultation with the Department of Conservation and Fish & Game demonstrated that those organisations had no concerns or that their concerns could be addressed, mana whenua concerns could be allayed. Subsequent consultation with the Department of Conservation and Fish & Game confirmed they held few concerns in relation to the proposed activity. Potential impacts noted by both organisations have been able to be addressed.

Effects on habitats and wildlife have been addressed within section 7 of this AEE. It is considered that there will be minimal effects on any habitats both within and on the river as a result of the activity.

Matters with the potential to affect water quality have been addressed as part of this AEE under section 15. Refuelling and maintenance of the boat will be undertaken prior to the boat entering the river and without passengers on board as per Maritime New Zealand rules. It is not anticipated that there will be adverse effects on the water quality within the river as a result of this activity being undertaken.

¹ Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. (2016) Wai Ora, available: <https://ngaitahu.iwi.nz/opportunities-and-resources/publications/te-karaka/wai-ora/> [accessed February 2023].

Visual Effects

- | 30. Is the operation or activity visible from: | Yes | No |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| - nearby dwellings | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - roads (including rest areas) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - walking tracks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - known observation points | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - areas of public access? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If so give details and discuss any measures that will be taken to minimise the visual impacts (i.e. buffers, vegetation, screens planted, trees, etc).

Not applicable for this application.

Effects on Present and Future Generations

- 31. Discuss socio-economic and cultural effects the (both positive and/or adverse) activity will have on the immediate neighbourhood and where relevant the wider community for present and future generations (e.g. additional housing and service requirements, noise, vibration, dust, lighting, aesthetic values, change of lifestyle, recreation, scientific values, water supply, increased traffic, historical, spiritual values, etc.)**

The activity is expected to uniquely complement the local adventure tourism sector by providing outdoor experiences for visitors that are not already on offer in the area, as well as attracting new visitors to the region.

It could also be expected that other local business will benefit from the proposed activity because customers will be utilising local cafes, retail stores and the hospitality sector in the Buller region. The business itself will also be injecting revenue into the local economy by using local suppliers and the creation of local jobs.

- 32. Describe any effects (both positive and negative) on natural and physical resources having aesthetic, recreational, scientific, historical, spiritual, cultural, or other special value for present or future generations:**

It is not expected that there will be any significant negative effects on the natural and physical resources in the region. However, the business will provide its customers great local information on historical and cultural values of the region.

Consultation

- 33. Have you discussed your proposal with your neighbours and other parties who may be adversely affected (e.g. Coast Health Care, Department of Conservation, Historic Places Trust, local iwi, Transit New Zealand, Tranz Rail Limited, local electricity supplies and Telecom New Zealand Limited).**

The applicant previously submitted an application for this activity on 18 May 2022, resource consent number RC220042. The application was assessed as incomplete and returned under Section 88 of the RMA. At the time Mr Malloy started seeking affected party approval from owners of properties along the Buller River. Mr Malloy gained signed approval to the proposed activity from 12 landowners along the river.

Because this is a new application, we expect that the affected parties will be assessed based on the information submitted with this application. However, Mr Malloy thought it was of significance that the landowners that he has previously spoken with have been in support of the proposed activity.

No consultation has been undertaken with landowners along the river for this application.

Consultation has been undertaken with Department of Conservation, Fish & Game, NZTA and the local iwi.

NZTA have provided an approval for this activity and the approval letter dated 22nd November 2023 accompanies the application.

The considerations from Fish & Game, DoC and local iwi have been addressed as part of this AEE.

34. Are all affected persons consent forms completed and attached, or forwarded to Council? Yes No Not applicable at this stage.

See Number 33.

If no, your application will be placed on hold until Council receives these forms.

35. If any environmental concerns have been raised by affected neighbours or other parties, how can these concerns be met?

See Number 33

Other Information

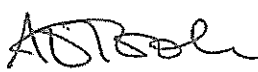
36. Outline other information (if any), required to be included in the application by the district plan or regulations.

Please supply a copy of the draft conditions of the decision for review by the applicant prior to issuing the final decision.

Included in the documentation is:

- Copy of the plans (pages 1 to 7) showing the full extent of the run;
- Affected party approval letter from NZTA dated 22nd November 2023;
- Copy of Safe & Sound Solutions Jet Boat Environmental Noise Assessment;
- Copy of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 – Maritime Rules – Part 82: Commercial Jet Boat Operations – River;
- Copy of approval from Dean Keir owner of Part Section 49, Block IV Inangahua SD to cross land;

Dated at Westport this 21st day of March 2024

Signed: 
(to be signed by or on behalf of applicant)

