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Many proposed tourism and adventure projects wish to take advantage of New Zealand's fantastic scenery and great outdoors, often in areas which are managed by the Department of Conservation.

The Department of Conservation is responsible for the conservation of New Zealand's natural and historic heritage and operates under the Conservation Act 1987 and other key statutes such as the National Parks Act 1980 and Reserves Act 1977.

One of DOC's key functions as set out in the Conservation Act is "to foster recreation and allow tourism, to the extent that use is not inconsistent with the conservation of any natural or historic resource".

The mechanism used by DoC to support the above function is the Concession. A concession is an official authorisation to operate in an area managed by DoC. It may be in the form of a lease, licence, permit or easement.

The main element of any Concession Application is the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The EIA largely influences DoC's decision on whether to decline or grant a Concession.

An EIA is a detailed description of your proposed activity, the potential effects it may have on natural, historic, recreational and cultural values, and suggested methods to reduce any significant adverse effects.

APR Consultants is experienced in preparing EIAs for DoC Concession applications. We can ensure your EIA includes all the necessary information and if necessary, we have access to specialised services that may be required for the EIA (e.g. scientists, engineers, landscape architects etc.).

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