

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT  
UNDER SECTION 95A OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**



The Ruapehu District Council (Consent Authority) has received the following application for Resource Consent:

**APPLICANT:**

Cheal Consultants Limited on behalf of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL) Limited

**PROPOSAL:**

Land use consent to construct and operate a new gondola in the Whakapapa Ski Area to replace the National Downhill Chairlift and the Waterfall Express Chairlift. The proposed gondola originates at the edge of Happy Valley where a new building will be required to house the gondola drive equipment and gondola cabin storage. The proposed gondola terminates at Knoll Ridge in a new terminal building immediately adjacent to the existing Knoll Ridge Café. The existing top terminal building of the Waterfall Express Chairlift will be removed. The proposed gondola will consist of 14 towers ranging from 9.7m to 21.5m in height. Each gondola cabin will have a 10 person capacity.

The proposed gondola is a discretionary activity in accordance with Rule PA3.2.3(b) of the Ruapehu District Plan. The site is located within the Protected Areas (Conservation) Zone – Amenities Policy Area of the Ruapehu District Plan (2013). The site is also zoned as Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes – Tongariro National Park.

**LOCATION:**

Southern edge of Happy Valley to Knoll Ridge in the Whakapapa Ski Area, Mount Ruapehu, Tongariro National Park. Legally described as Ruapehu 1A and 1B (WN135/99)

**If you wish to make a submission on this application you may do so, by sending a written submission to the Ruapehu District Council, Private Bag 1001, Taumarunui, no later than 4.00pm on 21 March 2018. The submission must be on Form 13. Copies of this form are available on line at [www.ruapehudc.govt.nz](http://www.ruapehudc.govt.nz) or from the Taumarunui, Ohakune, and Raetihi offices of the Ruapehu District Council.**

The notice regarding the application can also be accessed at [www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/our-services/district-plan-and-resource-consents/resourceconsents/Pages/Publicly-notified-Resource-Consents.aspx](http://www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/our-services/district-plan-and-resource-consents/resourceconsents/Pages/Publicly-notified-Resource-Consents.aspx)

The application can be viewed in full during normal office hours, at the offices of the Ruapehu District Council, Ayr Street, Ohakune, between 8.00am - 5.00pm, Corner of Duncan and Seddon Streets, Raetihi, between 8.30am - 3.00pm, and Huia Street, Taumarunui, between 8.00am - 5.00pm.

After serving your submission on the Ruapehu District Council, a copy of your submission must be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the applicant whose address for service is:

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**