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Skyline Queenstown gets the go-ahead for extensive redevelopment

Skyline Queenstown has received the green light to proceed with a monumental, multi-million-dollar redevelopment project.

The Environment Court has granted resource consent approval for Skyline's ambitious project, which includes an expansion of the upper complex, a new state-of-the-art gondola system and new lower terminal building on Brecon St. Consent to build a five-storey, 449-space car park near the base terminal has also been approved.

Skyline Queenstown general manager Wayne Rose says they are thrilled with the decision and look forward to developing a world-class facility that New Zealanders can be proud of.

"This is a fantastic result for the Queenstown community and the New Zealand tourism industry as a whole," he says. "This project is vital to ensure we cater to the demand of our visitors, as well as providing a premium facility that Queenstown locals can use and enjoy. It will enable us to step into the future not only as one of NZ's most popular leisure facilities, but as one of the world's top leisure tourism attractions."

Skyline Enterprises chairman Mark Quickfall adds: "The resource consent approval is one of the first steps in an exciting development and we would like to acknowledge the efforts our teams have put in to accomplish this. The planners, architects, consultants, legal team, neighbouring businesses – in particular the Kiwi Birdlife Park – as well as the submitters who provided support for the project have all been integral in achieving a successful outcome."

Skyline Queenstown has been working closely with neighbouring businesses, particularly Kiwi Birdlife Park to minimise disruption to the kiwis and the park throughout the redevelopment.

The redevelopment of Skyline Queenstown – which is home to the iconic Gondola, Luge, viewing deck and mountain biking tracks on Bob's Peak – will increase the capacity for gondola passengers at the base terminal and improve the overall guest experience with additional services and amenities.

New 10-seat Doppelmayr cabins will be installed, and the new-and-improved complex will also feature a 650-seat restaurant with a flexible configuration for multiple dining options, conference facilities to accommodate more than 700 guests, a new café and additional retail space. Since Skyline's inception, the primary motivation for visitors to the attraction has been to see the iconic view. To cater for this popularity, the viewing deck will be significantly increased from 68m² to 430m², offering even more angles to capture what is possibly the most-photographed view in the southern hemisphere.

Detailed planning is already well underway to incorporate the conditions identified in the resource consent approval. Pre-construction site works will begin in the coming months with the first construction activity scheduled for later this year.

“The feedback we have received on the redevelopment from the wider Queenstown community, the New Zealand tourism industry and our stakeholders and many customers has been overwhelmingly positive and we are grateful for the support,” adds Rose. “As we move forward with the project, we plan to keep everyone informed, every step of the way.”

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Imagery

Click [here](#) to access imagery of what the new Skyline Queenstown will look like.

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About Skyline Queenstown

With 220-degree panoramic views spanning from Coronet Peak to the Remarkables mountain range and across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak and Cecil Peak, there is no better place to experience the beauty of Queenstown than Skyline Queenstown at the top of Bob’s Peak. Skyline Queenstown is a fun park for all ages and stages and all levels of adrenalin. Skyline Queenstown offers unforgettable family fun – whether it be Lugging, mountain biking, or walking as well as a range of dining and relaxing options amongst some of the world’s greatest scenery. For more information, please visit the Skyline Queenstown [website](#).

About the Skyline Queenstown Gondola Redevelopment Project

Skyline’s redevelopment project involves: Replacing its existing four-seat gondola system with a quieter, more efficient 10-seat Doppelmayr gondola system; expanding the capacity of its restaurant, Stratosfare, from 330 seats to 650 in a flexible configuration for multiple dining options; expanding the panoramic viewing deck from 68m² to 486m² and almost doubling its capacity for conferences and events to cater for up to 1000 delegates in purpose-built facilities. The project is a multi-million development, driven by accommodating anticipated growth in visitor numbers to Queenstown over the next 30 years. For more information, please visit the [Skyline Gondola redevelopment website](#).