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**Subject:** Flock Hill Station OIO Investigation  
**Importance:** High

Dear Sir

As from today (Friday 12th September 2014), after 23 years of operating our highly regarded high country adventure tour, my company Country Explorer Tours Ltd has been effectively put out of business due to Flock Hill Station denying continued access to my company.

Are you able to update me on the crowns position on this matter, as clearly there has been some significant short-comings in the crowns evaluation of the 2010 overseas investment application in Flock Hill Station, and subsequent monitoring of the conditions of consent by the OIO.

To give you some idea of the scale of the problem we now facing, attached is the High Country Explorer Tours Ltd confirmed bookings to date for cruise ship charters out of Akaroa for the 2014 – 2015 season.

We have contractual arrangements with our agents and the cruise ship lines, which we must fulfil to avoid a major embarrassment to the New Zealand Travel Industry in general, and to ourselves in particular.

If we are unable find a solution to continuing access over Flock Hill Station by Tuesday 16th September 2014, we will have no options left and must advise the industry of High Country Explorer Tour Ltd's inability to provide the advertised product, which will also have the effect of putting the matter into the public domain.

Thus, anything you can do to assist with this problem will be much appreciated.

It is urgent!!

Thanks

Regards

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