

FIORDLAND LINK EXPERIENCE

Fact Sheet

- The Fiordland Link Experience is a three stage journey incorporating:
 - a catamaran (20kms – 27 minutes)
 - an all-terrain vehicle (45kms – 43 minutes), and
 - a monorail (43kms – 33 minutes)
- The journey links Queenstown and Fiordland, finishing at Te Anau Downs, 91kms from Milford Sound.
- The journey crosses Lake Wakatipu to Mt Nicholas Station, travels up and across the Von River valley and then crosses the Mararoa River to pass around the southern edge of the Snowdon Forest and finishes at the entry to Fiordland National Park at Te Anau Downs.
- The monorail is designed for 160 passengers and with additional carriages can expand to 224 passengers. As demand grows more trains can be added with the potential to run at least four trains simultaneously.
- Currently almost 500,000 international and domestic visitors travel between Queenstown and Fiordland each year. The monorail has the capacity to transport twice this number.
- The round trip by bus is 590kms in length, takes up to 13 hours and shoehorns thousands of visitors into a narrow operating window around late morning and early afternoon.
- The projected cost of the monorail and associated facilities is \$175million.
- During the construction phase the project will employ 140 construction personnel at site together with underpinning a further 300 jobs in the Fiordland and Southland regions in industries such as transport, concrete manufacture, steel fabrication and plant hire.
- Once operations commence Fiordland Link Experience will have a peak seasonal workforce of close to 100 personnel with 60 positions that are full time. The bulk of the workforce will be located in the Te Anau region.
- The developer Riverstone Holdings Ltd is a New Zealand owned company with the controlling shareholder being a fourth generation South Island family with substantial interests in land development, tourist accommodation, farming and cherry orchards.
- Further information can be found on the website www.fiordlandlink.com