



## *"The Ultimate Road Race"*

6<sup>th</sup> August 2014

New Zealand Police  
11 Camp Street  
Queenstown

Attention: Senior Sergeant John Fookes

Dear Senior Sergeant

**Re: Targa New Zealand**

We have to hand a copy of your email dated the 25<sup>th</sup> July addressed to Vanessa Rees-Francis containing concerns from a Police point of view regarding the proposed event.

The 2014 event scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> October to the 2<sup>nd</sup> November will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Targa New Zealand, and as an Organisation we are very experienced and capable of planning an event that provides economic benefit while being mindful of reducing any possible inconvenience to the community.

In relation to the specific concerns raised in your email we advise as follows:

1. All emergency services, Police, Ambulance and Fire will be advised of the event, and in the event of an emergency our Clerk of Course liaises with these emergency services and our on-event Officials to ensure unimpeded access.
2. Targa NZ will be in discussion with the Department of Conservation to ensure that notification of this road closure can be advertised on their website, similar to what was done for a recent track closure for a "pest control operation". It is hoped that a flyer provided by Targa NZ to DOC can be displayed in huts along the walks to advise of these road closures. Any tramper who is in need of urgent medical assistance will be provided this either by local services or our St John medical personnel on event. Should a tramper be required to be evacuated in an emergency then our event will be temporarily halted to facilitate this.
3. Road Closures will be advertised in accordance with Queenstown District Council requirements including road closure signage at the various car parks adjoining Glenorchy Road. Should there be specific "start" locations for tramps that you feel are beneficial for us to display a road closure notice then Targa NZ would be happy to accommodate this request.



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We can advise that as a result of our consultation process to date that we have received considerable support from the Glenorchy Community for this event.

Targa New Zealand is very mindful of the fact that as a result of our event that there will be some level of inconvenience to the community and users of various facilities, but we are confident that our years of experience coupled with advance notification will ensure that any inconvenience will be minimal.

I trust that the above provides some clarity to your concerns and advise that Targa New Zealand would be more than happy to meet with you in person in our next visit to Queenstown to discuss our planning in greater depth.

Kind regards

Gary Upson  
**Operations Manager**

CC: Vanessa Rees-France