

Application for Funding - Kaiate Falls

Applicant information

Name of the applicant

Shanan Fraser

Evidence of competence of the applicant to complete the project

NZOIA Canyon 2 holder
Author of NZCA Bolting COP

Project information

Name of the canyon

Kaiate Falls

Overview of the project

Kaiate Falls is a short sport canyon near Tauranga with massive potential to be a popular beginner trip.

What is intended to be done

Installing stainless steel double bolt chain rappel anchors on 3 rappels with double stainless steel ring hangers for hand lines to enable safe access.

Timing for the project

The aim is to complete the project sometime before 31 July 2018

Budget for the project

6x Stainless steel 316 ring hangers
3x Stainless steel 316 Raumer belay stations
12x HST3-R Hilti bolts

Total:

\$189.45

Justification for the application

Why should the project be supported by the Canyon Fund?

The region needs some more entry level and easy to access canyons that will help to develop the sport. Given the easy access and short nature of the canyon I believe it will become a very popular beginners trip as well as provide a short adventure option (achievable in an evening) for those with limited time. It also has potential to be useful for canyon skills training and could possibly even be utilised for running assessments. Bolting Kaiate Falls will help to promote Canyoning in the North Island, helping to raise the profile of the sport and the Canyoning association.

How will this project mitigate impact of canyoning activities?

By reducing visual impact of webbing anchors left around trees and from damage from canyoning moving through vegetation looking for anchors.

How does this project align with good practice (such as the NZCA bolting COP)?

The intention is to bolt Kaiate Falls as per recommended practice in NZCA Bolting COP

How will this project maintain or improve safety?

By installing high quality long term anchors that are easy to use and allow for safe access to the rappel anchors. This will eliminate potentially unsafe webbing anchors of unknown age and equality.