

# Tuke Gorges Expedition Funding Application

**Application date:** 22/11/2018 07:37:14

**Applicant Name:** Justin Venable

**Have you had a NZCA Canyon Fund application approved in the past?** No

**Please detail the competence of the applicant to complete the project:**

I have bolted in several canyons and gorges including Swamp Creek, Smart Creek, Toaroha Canyon, Griffin Creek, Olivine Creek, Giants Gate Creek, etc

**Region:** West Coast

**Canyon Name:** Tuke Gorges

**What is intended to be done?**

First descent: by any means necessary - combination of canyoning and whitewater kayaking techniques, impossible for either skill set alone but fusion of these two sports' techniques into a new sport will facilitate descent of a high volume canyon requiring total commitment and a good weather window

**Budget:**

stainless steel 316 ring hangers  
stainless steel 316 Raumer belay stations  
HST3-R Hilti bolts  
Total cost = \$333

**Approximate date of completion:** 20/03/2019

**What is this application for?** Expedition

**Why should the project be supported by the Canyon Fund?**

This new hybrid sport will raise the profile of the NZCA and inspire canyoners both in NZ and overseas through the film we produce

**How will this project mitigate impact of canyoning activities?**

Use of leave no trace principles as much as possible, and placing bolts using NZCA COP standards for any required permanent anchor placement

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

Aligns with bolting COP - Richard Bramley and Toine Hoitenbos expected to join

**How will any permission be gained from the land owner/manager to do the work?**

Conservation Area but not remote zone

**What is the significance of the new canyon?**

Very significant - can provide video and photos. absolutely stunning river valley, huge waterfalls, hard rock, rainforest, very committing canyon, stacked features. drops 600m in 5km but most drop is in 2km section.

**How will the expedition inspire the canyoning community?**

Creation of new fusion sport is a new development in canyoning and shows how canyoning can be combined with other sports to achieve descents once considered impossible

**How will the expedition raise the profile of the NZCA?**

We intend to produce a film based on the expedition with special thanks to the NZCA for any funding received.