

31 July 2019

LANDSAR NATIONAL OFFICE

Unit 8, 35 Sir William Pickering Drive  
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Dear LandSAR Members and Board

Re: Proposal to join LandSAR

Updating our letter of 2 August 2018 and the acceptance by the LandSAR board of NZCA as an *Associate Member* of LandSAR;

Canyoning in New Zealand has seen a rapid upsurge in participants over the last few years. As a result, we have seen many canyoning and canyon related incidents starting to occur on a regular basis.

As part of our strategic objectives, NZ Canyoning Association (NZCA) have identified CanyonSAR as a key outcome. As such we have been actively involved with CanyonSAR over the past four years including the development of the 'CanyonSAR database', the 'Planning SOP for Canyon Search and Rescue', running two national canyon SAREXs and regional SAREXs.

The NZCA wishes to become a *Specialist Discipline* of LandSAR. In doing so, the NZCA can further contribute to the advance of CanyonSAR so that we can:

- have better outcomes for canyoners and others who are missing, lost or injured,
- maintain high levels of safety for rescuers, and,
- have a timely response with the right resources.

We have a number of developments and targets over the next few years that we would appreciate your support.

The NZ Canyoning Association Executive fully supports this proposal.

We are looking forward to a positive working partnership.

Yours sincerely;



**Daniel Clearwater**

President NZ Canyoning Association

**Attachments:**

1. Supporting Information: NZ Canyoning Association joining LandSAR
2. Planning SOP for Canyon Search and Rescue