

IN THE MATTER of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of Stage 3 of the
Queenstown Lakes
Proposed District Plan

MINUTE 1 - PROCEDURAL UPDATE

1. The purpose of this Minute is to provide submitters on Stage 3 of the Proposed District Plan with advance notice of the likely timing of key steps leading up to and into the hearing of submissions.
2. It is anticipated that the hearing procedures will follow a similar format to previous stages of the Proposed District Plan, with three pre-hearing steps:
 - i. Release of the Section 42A Report and accompanying Council evidence – indicative deadline 18 March 2020;
 - ii. Submitters/Further submitters evidence in chief – 6 April;
 - iii. All rebuttal evidence (i.e. both council's and submitters') – 22 April.
3. The enlarged period for rebuttal reflects the fact that the Easter break falls within it. In each case, the lodgement deadline will be 1pm on the due date to give Council staff time to load material on the Council website before close of business that day. The Commissioners will read all evidence that is lodged prior to the hearing.
4. The hearing is projected to commence on Tuesday 5 May. We are proposing to sit 9am to 5pm, Tuesday to Thursday inclusive each week.
5. As previously, we will request that legal submissions and other representations be lodged in advance of the relevant party's appearance so they too can be pre-read.
6. Although council will open on all Stage 3 matters, it is likely that the hearing will be compartmentalised, with submissions and further submissions on Chapter 39 (Wāhi Tūpuna) being heard first, and the Residential and Business Mixed Use Design Guidelines

and 19A (Three Parks) heard separately and after the hearing of all other Stage 3 matters (indicatively in the first week of June). Submitters with positions on any aspect of the Design Guidelines / Three Parks will need to appear twice if they have submitted on the other aspects of Stage 3.

7. The summary of submissions is projected to be released in late January, meaning that further submissions will be lodged by mid February. My current intention is to make procedural directions after close of further submissions, when a list of all participants can be compiled. As usual, those directions will be sent to all submitters, and loaded on the Council website.
8. In the meantime, and once the summary of submissions is available, I would encourage submitters to consider whether there are other submitters advancing similar positions, with whom they might join to advance a common case at the hearing in order to use the limited hearing time available more effectively.

16 December 2019



Trevor Robinson

Chair

Stage 3 PDP Hearing Panel