

**Kelvin Lloyd for QLDC – Summary of Evidence, 3 May 2017**  
**Ski Area Sub Zones – Hearing Stream 11**

1. I have been engaged by Queenstown Lakes District Council (**QLDC**) to provide evidence in relation to ecological matters regarding proposed extensions to the notified Ski Area Sub Zones (**SASZ**) at the Remarkables and Coronet Peak in the Proposed District Plan (**PDP**).
2. My evidence relates to the submission of NZSki Limited (572) (**NZSki**). In their primary submission, NZSki requested re-zoning to SASZ of four areas of land associated with the Remarkables SASZ and the Coronet Peak SASZ.

**The Remarkables**

3. In relation to the requested extensions at the Remarkables, I do not oppose the request to rezone Area 1,<sup>1</sup> being the strip of land between the existing SASZ and the Central Otago District boundary, because large parts of this area comprise poorly-vegetated boulderfield and scree, and clearance of indigenous vegetation would be subject to Department of Conservation (**DOC**) approval, or would otherwise be a discretionary activity.
4. I also do not oppose the request to re-zone proposed "Sub Zone (B)" (being 21.67 ha of land located at the base of the Remarkables Ski Field access road),<sup>2</sup> as this area comprises remnants of indigenous shrubland that have been heavily invaded by exotic woody weeds, and there are no important ecological values present that would be affected by ski area developments.

**Coronet Peak**

5. At Coronet Peak I oppose an extension of the SASZ into the Back Bowls area, as this area is relatively intact, with a predominantly indigenous cover, and supports indigenous plant communities on naturally-disturbed habitats that would be vulnerable to the adverse effects of ski field activities. In particular, increased levels of disturbance would likely result in exotic grasses and herbs displacing these indigenous communities of naturally-disturbed sites.

1 Referred to as "Area 1" in Ms Banks' evidence.

2 Referred to as "Area 2" in Ms Banks' evidence.

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6. I do not oppose the extension of the SASZ into Dirty Four Creek, with vegetation clearance being a discretionary activity, as this catchment has already been modified by ski field activities, and the landforms are less steep and less vulnerable to the propagation of potential adverse effects.
  7. As any clearance of indigenous vegetation above 1,070 masl is a discretionary activity for all zones, and the requested re-zone of Dirty Four Creek occurs above 1,070 masl, any clearance of indigenous vegetation from the re-zoned land would require a resource consent.
  8. I consider that discretionary activity status provides QLDC with the ability to consider all relevant ecological issues, and to impose robust conditions to avoid, remedy, or mitigate any adverse effects.