

IN THE MATTER of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Queenstown Lakes
Proposed District Plan

AND

IN THE MATTER of Hearing Submissions
Seeking Changes to
Planning Maps in Upper
Clutha

SECOND MINUTE CONCERNING HEARING TIME REQUIREMENTS

1. On 9 September 2016 the Hearing Panel issued a Minute requesting that submitters seeking amendments to the Planning Maps in the Upper Clutha area advise whether they wish to be heard, and if they did, how much time they would require to present their case. In response to this Minute, 33 submitters have requested a time slot to be heard. The total time sought amounts to some 4-5 weeks of hearing time in addition to the time the Council will require for its opening submissions and presentation of s.42A Reports.
2. Two matters arise from this response. The first is that two submitters (#502 and #531) sought 4 full days and one submitter (#583) sought 5 full days. The Hearing Panel would like those submitters to confirm that, on the basis that all evidence will be pre-read and only short summaries will be presented at the hearing, the time requested is not excessive.
3. The second matter that arises is whether there is any other submitter that may have overlooked our earlier request and indeed will require time to present their case at the hearing. We note that over 230 submitters were sent the Minute on 9 September 2016. We ask that the 200-odd submitters who did not respond check whether or not they wish to be heard in the light of the outline below of how we propose to conduct the hearings. If, after such reconsideration, they consider they do wish to be heard, we ask that they advise the Hearing Administrator (DP.Hearings@qldc.govt.nz) as soon as possible, and certainly no later than 10 November 2016:
 - a) The number of persons likely to be presenting to the Panel and the expertise of those persons; and

- b) An indicative time likely to be required to present the case, allowing for questions from the Panel.
4. We propose to have the Hearings Administrator prepare a timetable for this hearing stream based on the time requests made by submitters in a way that groups submitters as much as possible into geographic areas within the Upper Clutha. This process will commence on 11 November 2016.
 5. When the notice of hearing is sent to submitters, the Hearing Administrator will also send a timetable identifying when each submitter will be heard. The inclusion of additional submitters after distributing the notice of hearing will therefore necessitate fitting those additional submitters into available time slots within the timetable. We would not expect such additional submitters to have more than 10 minutes available to present their submission.
 6. When preparing the timetable, the Hearing Administrator will provide for further submitters to be heard immediately following the presentation for the submission they are supporting or opposing.
 7. We propose to issue a procedural minute in relation to the conduct of the map-related hearings later in the year. In the meantime, we advise that the Hearing Panel is proposing a more extended period for the delivery of s.42A Reports and lodgement of submitters evidence (and legal submissions). We are also proposing to provide for the pre-lodgement of rebuttal evidence. The Hearing Panel proposes to undertake site visits of the relevant areas between receipt of the rebuttal evidence and commencement of the hearings.

For the Hearing Panel



Denis Nugent (Chair)

1 November 2016