

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
**Queenstown and
Queenstown Rural**

MINUTE REQUESTING INDICATION OF HEARING TIME REQUIREMENTS

1. The Hearing Panel proposes to hear all submissions seeking amendments to the Planning Maps within the Wakatipu Ward, excluding the area subject to the Wakatipu Basin Planning Study¹, as the third set of map-related hearings. You are receiving this Minute as the records show your submission seeks amendments to one or more Planning Maps within this area, or your further submission supports or opposes such a submission.
2. These hearings are expected to commence in July 2017 in Queenstown. It is anticipated, based on the submissions lodged, that some submitters will mount substantial cases in support of the changes sought. We are expecting several weeks of our time will be required to hear all of these submissions. We also anticipate spending some time visiting sites in contention.
3. To enable us to more efficiently arrange our time, and to ensure that venues can be obtained for the hearing time required, we seek indications from submitters as follows:
 - a) Whether they intend to appear or not;
 - b) If appearing, the number of persons likely to be presenting to the Panel and the expertise of those persons;
 - c) An indicative time likely to be required to present the case, allowing for questions from the Panel.

¹ The separation has been by geographic area, so some submissions in respect of land on the edge of the Wakatipu Basin may be included within that area even if not directly affected by the Wakatipu Basin Planning Study.

4. We have no knowledge of the Council's position in respect of any of these submissions. For the purposes of estimating the time required and the witnesses involved, we ask that submitters assume that the Council will recommend rejecting their submission(s).
5. As with the hearings to-date, we will be requiring lodgement of evidence in advance, pre-reading that and taking it as read at the hearing. We will also provide the opportunity for rebuttal evidence to be lodged by the Council and any further submitter opposing the relevant submission. Each witness will be able to provide a brief summary at the hearing prior to answering questions from the Panel. Once we have received the information requested and can estimate the overall time required, we will issue a more detailed procedural minute² setting out dates for the s.42A report to be circulated and dates for evidence and rebuttal evidence to be lodged. We will also provide a schedule listing when submitters are to be heard. We note that by giving early advice of the hearing times, we would only be likely to agree to requests to lodge evidence late in exceptional circumstances.
6. We also note that once the hearing schedule has been prepared, the inclusion of additional submitters will 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.
7. Please lodge the information requested in paragraph 3 above by 4pm on Friday 3 March 2017 to DP.Hearings@qldc.govt.nz.

For the Hearing Panel



Denis Nugent (Chair)

7 February 2017

² See the Sixth Procedural Minute issued in respect of the Ski Area Sub Zone hearings as an example of the process we will use.