

In the Environment Court of New Zealand  
Christchurch Registry

I Te Koti Taiao o Aotearoa  
Ōtautahi Rohe

**ENV-2019-CHC-064**

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Under	the Resource Management Act 1991 ( <b>RMA</b> )
In the matter of	an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the RMA in relation to Stage 2 of the Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan
Between	<b>Clive Manners Wood</b>  Appellant
And	<b>Queenstown Lakes District Council</b>  Respondent

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**Notice of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association wish to be party to proceedings pursuant to section 274 RMA**

5 June 2019

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**Section 274 party's solicitors:**

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**To:** The Registrar  
Environment Court  
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- 1 The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (NZ) Inc. (**AOPA**) wishes to be a party pursuant to section 274 of the RMA to the following proceedings:

*Clive Manners Wood v Queenstown Lakes District Council* (ENV-2019-CHC-064) (**Wood Appeal**) being an appeal against decisions of Queenstown Lakes District Council on Stage 2 of the Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan (**PDP**).

- 2 The AOPA is a person who made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.
- 3 The AOPA is a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has, in particular:
  - (a) The AOPA membership consist of recreational aircraft users throughout New Zealand, including users within the wider Queenstown Lakes area and more specifically the Wakatipu Basin, who exercise their rights to partake in recreational flying activities and utilise informal airports.
  - (b) The relief sought in the Wood Appeal will directly affect the rights of AOPA members to partake in recreational flying and use informal airports within and surrounding the Wakatipu Basin.

- 4 The AOPA is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
- 5 The AOPA is interested in all of the proceedings.
- 6 Without derogating from the generality of the above, the AOPA is interested in the following particular issues:

**Informal Airports**

- (a) The appellant's opposition to all provisions of Chapter 24 of the PDP relating to informal airports.
  - (b) The relief sought to reinstate all of the provisions of the Operative District Plan relating to the establishment and assessment of informal airports or "helipads".
  - (c) The relief sought that all but infrequent landings of helicopters must obtain consent.
- 7 The AOPA opposes the relief sought, because the relief:

- (a) Is not effects-based planning which is envisaged under the RMA, and is contrary to the intent of the introduced informal airport activity rules.
  - (b) Does not allow for site-specific planning and development to occur in order to achieve efficient and effective use of resources.
  - (c) Unreasonably restricts the use of informal airports within the Wakatipu Basin and in turn undermines the reasonable expectations of recreational aircraft users.
- 8 The AOPA agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019

*Maree Baker-Galloway*

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