

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)

In the matter of An appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Act

Between **Wayfare Group Limited**  
Appellant

And **Queenstown Lakes District Council**  
Respondent

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**Notice of Airbnb Australia Pty Limited's wish to be a party to proceedings under section 274 of the Act**

Dated 31 May 2019

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**To:** The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Christchurch

- 1 Airbnb Australia Pty Limited (**'Airbnb'**) wishes to be a party to the Environment Court proceeding ENV-2018-CHC-076 between Wayfare Group Limited (**'Wayfare'**) and Queenstown Lakes District Council in relation to Stage 2 of the Queenstown Lakes District Council Proposed District Plan (**'PDP'**).
- 2 Airbnb made a submission (dated 23 February 2018) and a further submission (dated 27 April 2018), and lodged an appeal on the PDP (dated 7 May 2019, ENV-2019-CHC-061).
- 3 Airbnb's services are used by providers of accommodation and paying guests in the Queenstown Lakes District. Airbnb is a trusted community marketplace for people to list, discover, and book unique accommodation and experiences around the world. As such, Airbnb has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has because it will be affected by the amendments sought in the appeal, if granted.
- 4 Airbnb is not a trade competitor for the purposes of sections 308C or 308CA of the Act.
- 5 Airbnb is interested in part of the proceedings, being those aspects set out at paragraph 6 of this notice.
- 6 Airbnb is interested in the following particular issues:
  - a The amendments sought to Chapter 29: Transport to ensure that coaches and buses can provide pick up and drop off services to Residential Visitor Accommodation (**'RVA'**) activities; and
  - b The amendments sought to the Visitor Accommodation Variation to ensure that coaches and buses can provide pick up and drop off services to RVA (for example delete the clauses restricting the daily coach or bus trips or make this a controlled activity standard).

- 7 Airbnb supports the relief sought for the following reasons:
- a There should be no restriction on vehicle movements by heavy vehicles, coaches or busses to and from the site of a RVA or Homestay. It will be extremely difficult to monitor and enforce a complete prohibition, and there is no evidence of any adverse effects as a result of such vehicle movements.
  - b The restrictions on coach/buses should be deleted, in accordance with Airbnb's appeal.
- 8 Airbnb agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceeding.

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