

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

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of Stage 3 of the
Queenstown Lakes
Proposed District Plan

MINUTE 8 – COVID 19 UPDATE

1. Responding to the ramifications of Covid 19 will understandably be a priority for very many participants in the Stage 3 hearing process.
2. Notwithstanding that, we are all participating in a statutory process with requirements of its own. At this stage, we are therefore proceeding on the basis that the hearing will go ahead as planned, commencing 5 May. To state the obvious, that position may change. We are all responding to events as they unfold, almost daily it seems. Between Council and myself, you will be advised if there is a material change.
3. For the moment however, the procedural directions contained in Minute 6 accordingly remain in place.
4. I am mindful that many entities are putting measures in place to protect their employees that may impinge on their ability to participate in the hearing process in the normal way- travel restrictions and the like. Reductions in domestic flights in and out of Queenstown also have the potential to pose logistical difficulties we will have to surmount.
5. I am working with Council to put in place hearing arrangements that comply with Ministry of Health advice. That is likely to include provision for remote participation for those who want it to a much greater extent than would be the norm. I will confirm those arrangements closer to the hearing start.
6. In the meantime, if Covid related issues are making your effective participation in the hearing process in accordance with the hearing directions I have made problematic, please contact Katherine at dphearings@qldc.govt.nz in the first instance, and we will try to work out a solution that appropriately addresses the issues.

7. It remains only for me to wish all participants well.

Dated 20 March 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'T' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

**Trevor Robinson
Chair
Stage 3 Hearing Panel**