

Before Queenstown Lakes District Council

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In the matter of            The Resource Management Act 1991

And                            The Queenstown Lakes District proposed District Plan Topic 12  
Upper Clutha Mapping

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**SUPPLEMENTARY EVIDENCE OF KELVIN LLOYD FOR**

Allenby Farms Limited (#502 and #1254)

Dated 14 June 2017

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## **Supplementary Evidence**

- 1 In the course of the hearing for Allenby Farms, dated 31 May 2017, the Commission questioned whether the ongoing ecological requirements of the Mt Iron Park Rural Lifestyle Zone would be financially onerous to future purchasers of land in the Zone.
- 2 For animal pest control, the costs would depend on what is controlled. Comprehensive control of possums, stoats, and rats is often undertaken to achieve significant benefits for indigenous biodiversity. Assuming that this comprehensive pest control would be employed on an ongoing basis, so as to address reinvasion of pest animals from the margins, it is estimated this could cost approximately \$20,000 - \$25,000 per annum.
- 3 For plant pest control in the Protection Areas, assuming initial knock down, I consider that one day of control every 5 years by a contractor would be sufficient for the purposes of controlling spread and regeneration of woody weeds. I would estimate the cost of this would be approximately \$1,000-\$2,000 every five years, or \$200-\$400 per year. This estimate however could be less if infestations of plums and cherries were controlled on the SH8 faces over adjacent land that is administered by DOC.
- 4 For the 0.4 ha Revegetation Area, maintenance in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year after planting would be approximately \$4,800, i.e \$2,400 per year. This is a conservative estimate, and depending on conditions of growth, could be less than this. This amount will decrease to zero over time and once regeneration is established.
- 5 For ongoing monitoring and reporting costs, I consider that this could be achieved, for example, with photopoints and by assessing survival of planted trees for each species and reporting on this. This would equate to approximately \$1,500-\$2,500 per monitoring report depending on the level of detail reported on. I note the draft provisions would require monitoring reports annually for the first three years following initial subdivision, and thereafter once every five years.

**Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017**

**Kelvin Lloyd**