

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 Relation to
the **Ski Area Sub Zones**

MINUTE CONCERNING LATE REQUEST FOR HEARING TIME

1. On 4 November 2016 I issued a Minute to submitters and further submitters on this topic requesting an indication of hearing time requirements. This asked that such requirements be conveyed to the Council by 24 November last. Having received requests for hearing time from four submitters by that date, I issued a Minute on 23 January 2017 setting out the procedure to be followed for the hearing and attaching a hearing schedule allocating hearing times to the Council and the submitters who responded.
2. Today the Hearing Panel's administrative staff have received an email from Mr Farrell advising that Cardrona Alpine Resort Limited (submitter #615) intends to be heard on this topic and that it "may seek up to 45 mins and call expert evidence". Mr Farrell went on to say that my Minute of 4 November 2017 was only brought to his attention today, claiming it was not sent to the correct address for service.
3. Obviously, it is important that correspondence from the Hearing Panel go to the correct address for service. As lodged, submission #615 listed the address for service as:

*Cardrona Alpine Resort Limited
c/- John Edmonds + Associates Ltd
Email: reception@jea.co.nz
Phone: 03 450 0009*

4. On 6 May 2016, the administration staff received an email from John Edmonds + Associates stating: *Please remove reception@jea.co.nz from your group emails.* By email exchange, the staff clarified that this request encompassed matters sent in relation to submitters represented by John Edmonds + Associates. An email of

12 May 2016 clarified which planners the emails should go to, noting that reception@jea.co.nz did not need to be copied in.

5. In accordance with these instructions, the address for service for Cardrona Alpine Resort Limited was changed to james.aoke@jea.co.nz, he being the planner identified on submission #615. I have had the staff confirm that the Minute of 4 November was sent to that address. Thus, I do not accept that the Council is responsible for Mr Farrell's lack of awareness of this Minute. Further, if Mr Farrell wishes the address for service to revert to reception@jea.co.nz he should confirm this in writing.
6. In paragraph 5 of the November Minute I made it clear that late applications for time would need to fit within available time slots. I also noted "*We would not expect such additional submitters to have more than 10 minutes available to present their submission.*"
7. As it is, the hearing schedule distributed has a 20-minute slot available at 4:40pm on Wednesday 10 May 2017. I do not want to disadvantage Cardrona Alpine Resort Limited, but neither do I consider it appropriate to have a fourth hearing day with the associated costs for what Mr Farrell describes as a possible need for hearing time.
8. I direct that Cardrona Alpine Resort Limited (submitter #615) be heard in respect of the Ski Area Sub Zones mapping at 4:40 pm on 10 May 2017 and that 20 minutes be allocated for this submitter.

For the Hearing Panel



Denis Nugent (Chair)

2 February 2017