

**BEFORE THE HEARING PANEL APPOINTED BY THE QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Under** the Resource Management Act 1991

**In the Matter** of a request under clause 21 of the First Schedule to the Act for a Change to the Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan (Private Plan Change 1)

**By** **THE HILLS RESORT LIMITED**

Requestor

**Private Plan Change 1: Memorandum for The Hills Resort Limited regarding hearing arrangements**

Dated: 26 March 2026

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**MAY IT PLEASE THE HEARING PANEL**

1. This memorandum is filed on behalf of the plan change requestor, The Hills Resort Limited (**THRL**), on hearing arrangements.
2. The Council has filed three statements of evidence:
  - (a) Antoni Facey, traffic and transportation;
  - (b) Bridget Gilbert, landscape;
  - (c) Craig Barr, planning.
3. THRL has filed evidence by:
  - (a) Emma Hill;
  - (b) Chris Day, noise;
  - (c) Andy Carr, traffic and transportation;
  - (d) Brett Thomson, master planning;
  - (e) Yvonne Pfluger, landscape;
  - (f) Jeff Brown, planning.
4. Submitter evidence has also been filed. Three statements of evidence have been filed; two lay statements (Todd and Dan), and one expert statement (Galloway, recreation planner).
5. Expert conferencing of the traffic and transportation experts, Mr Carr and Mr Facey has occurred. A Joint witness Statement (**JWS**) has been filed. The JWS indicates there are no outstanding areas of difference between these experts, and no traffic or transportation reasons for not approving the plan change request.
6. Three days have been set aside for the hearing; Tuesday 14 – Thursday 16 April 2026. THRL anticipates presenting its case first, on Tuesday 14 April. THRL anticipates requiring no more than one day to present its case. Unfortunately, THRL's traffic and transportation expert, Mr Carr, is unavailable on Tuesday 14 April due to an important pre-existing family commitment (although he is available on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 April 2026). That being so, THRL respectfully

requests that Mr Carr be permitted to present his evidence on Wednesday 15 April, out of turn if necessary. Given there are no areas of difference between Mr Carr and Mr Facey, THRL anticipates that Mr Carr will only need to present a summary of his evidence (assuming the Panel requires that), and to answer any questions the Panel may have on traffic/transportation matters. Mr Carr is based in Christchurch. Given the narrow scope of the evidence that Mr Carr will present, THRL respectfully requests that Mr Carr be permitted to present his evidence via AVL, and that facilities are made available at the venue for this to occur.

7. Given the limited availability of regional flights at present (flights between Christchurch and Queenstown are presently not available on all days), THRL would be grateful for the earliest indication from the Panel as to whether:
- (a) Mr Carr can present his evidence on Wednesday 15 April 2026, out of turn if necessary; and
  - (b) He can do so via AVL.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026



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