

**QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL – PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN**  
**UPPER CLUTHA LANDSCAPE SCHEDULES VARIATION**

**MINUTE 5 OF THE COMMISSION**

**CONFIRMING J HAWORTH AS SUCCESSOR TO UPPER CLUTHA ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY SUBMISSION**

**11 MAY 2026**

Introduction

1. The Queenstown Lakes District Council (the Council) has appointed a Hearing Panel, which comprises Commissioners Peter Kensington, Richard Blakey and Quentin Smith (the Hearing Panel / Commission), to hear all submissions and, after it has heard the submissions, to make recommendations on the Variation to the Proposed District Plan: Upper Clutha Landscape Schedules, as to whether to accept or reject the submissions received and any amendments to the provisions of the Schedules. The Council is then required to decide whether to accept or reject the Hearing Panel's recommendations.
2. In facilitating the hearing process, the Council has passed delegated authority to the Hearing Panel to make determinations regarding any procedural matters that arise.

Request from J Hayworth to become successor to the submission from the Upper Clutha Environmental Society

3. The Council has received a letter dated 26 March 2026 (copy attached) from Mr Julian Hayworth advising that the Upper Clutha Environmental Society Incorporated (UCES) has been (or is soon to be) formally dissolved. Mr Hayworth has requested that he personally now becomes a successor to the original UCES submission (being a former member of that organisation) and, in doing so, he has re-submitted the submission, unaltered except for the submitter name and contact details. This document and other supporting information is attached to Mr Hayworth's letter.

Determination

4. After consulting with the Council and with reference to section 2A of the Resource Management Act 1991, we have identified no reason not to accept the request of Mr Hayworth. The Hearing Panel accepts that Mr Haworth is in fact the successor to the now dissolved UCES and he will be able to participate in the hearings process in the place of that submitter with reference to its original submission. The Hearing Panel have therefore determined that Mr Hayworth's request is to be **accepted** and he is to now be formally recognised as the successor to the original UCES submission.
5. Should any party have any queries in relation to this Minute or require any clarification in relation to the process for this hearing, please contact the Hearings Administrator by email at [dp.hearings@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:dp.hearings@qldc.govt.nz).

  
Peter Kensington

For the Commission

11 May 2026

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26 March 2026

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Dear Alyson,

**QLDC PDP  
Upper Clutha Landscape Schedules Variation  
Change of Identity of Submitter**

You will be aware that the Society made lengthy submissions to the Upper Clutha Landscape Schedules variation (UCLSV).

It is the Society's understanding that, since the recent decision by Minister Bishop to exempt the UCLSV from the "Plan Stop" legislation, the UCLSV is likely to go to a Council hearing in 2026.

The Society has decided to wind up its affairs. It has applied today to the Registrar for Incorporated Societies for dissolution, and so no longer exists as a legal entity.

The Society only has two planning matters that it is still party to. The UCLSV, and the Lamming resource consent application, the latter being an Environment Court matter currently under mediation.

The Society has undertaken a great deal of work on the UCLSV. It lodged its UCLSV submissions in November 2024. In a discussion at the Society's March 24 committee meeting it was agreed that it would be unfair and a denial of natural justice for these submissions not to be heard and given weight at the Council hearing of the UCLSV.

The Society understands that, in the case of dissolution, the person who wrote submissions on behalf of the Society can re-submit the submissions as personal submissions. This person is able to adopt the submissions for the purpose of the planning process.

The Society's committee has authorized me (by means of a motion at the committee meeting of March 17) to adopt and resubmit the UCLSV submissions in my own name (Julian Haworth) so that I can attend the Council hearing in support of the submissions.

**Attached are submissions and appendices (A,B and D) lodged in the name of Julian Haworth dated April 2026. The submissions and appendices are identical to those lodged by the Society in November 2024 except for the change of identity of the submitter and grammatical amendments contingent on the change of identity.**

**I consider that, while these submissions have been lodged outside the timetable stipulated by the Council, no party will be prejudiced by this course of action because the submissions are identical to those lodged earlier, and these earlier submissions have been available to all parties for 18 months.**

We look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Julian Haworth