

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 Stream 12-  
Upper Clutha Mapping

**MINUTE CONCERNING APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF JOHN  
BLANNERHASSETT, TRUSTEES OF THE GORDON FAMILY TRUST,  
RANCH ROYALE LIMITED, TRUSTEES OF THE BLANNERHASSETT  
FAMILY TRUST AND GLEN DENE LIMITED FOR VARIATION OF HEARING  
TIMES**

**Background**

1. We have received an application by counsel for the above parties (Submitters 15/1000, 395/1193, 412, 413 and 384) respectfully seeking a variation of the timetabling arrangements the subject of our Eighth Procedural Minute. Counsel advises that he is unavailable for any hearings in the week of 22 May due to a conflict with an Environment Court fixture. Counsel further advises that while the fixture, at this point, is for one week only, there is in his view a strong possibility that the proceedings might carry over into the first two days of the following week.
2. Under the Hearing Timetable as it stands, John Blennerhassett is scheduled for hearing on 22 May, Trustees of the Gordon Family Trust on 23 May, Ranch Royale Limited on 26 May and Trustees of the Blennerhassett Family Trust on 29 May.
3. Counsel further advises that he has a second Environment Court conflict due to his involvement in a mediation fixed for 1 June, when Glen Dene Limited is scheduled to be heard.

4. We should accommodate counsel if possible given the reason for this request.
5. The first four submissions relate to rezoning of urban areas or urban fringe areas and accordingly, any alteration to the timetable to accommodate counsel's competing Environment Court commitments needs, desirably, to keep those submitters and that part of the hearing dealing with urban and urban fringe rezoning applications. Glen Dene Limited, by contrast, is a rural rezoning application and we have rather more flexibility in finding an alternative hearing slot.
6. We have contemplated taking the risk that counsel's Environment Court fixture might not run into the week of 29 May, as he fears, but have decided that it is preferable to put in place amended arrangements that address all contingencies, as presently understood.
7. In our Eighth Procedural Memorandum, we noted that QAC had been rescheduled to accommodate another Environment Court fixture (appeals on the Otago Regional Policy Statement). Those hearings have now been deferred with the result that QAC can be shifted back in the hearing batting order, to 15 June.
8. That means that, if we start the hearing a little early on 2 June, we can hear the case for John Blennerhassett, Trustees of the Gordon Family Trust, Ranch Royale Limited and Trustees of the Blennerhassett Family Trust on that day. The hearing must be adjourned at 1pm latest, and so we will commence the hearing at 9-30am.
9. We will reschedule Glen Dene Limited for the afternoon of 12 June (commencing at 2pm). The Hearing Schedule will be amended accordingly. Other parties should note that some hearing slots have been moved forward as a result of the gaps created by these changes.

**For the Upper Clutha Mapping Hearing Panel**



**Trevor Robinson (Chair)**

**31 March 2017**