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 REQUESTING INDICATION OF HEARING TIME REQUIREMENTS

- As alluded to in my Minute dated 9 September 2016, it is proposed to hear all submissions requesting amendments to the Planning Maps in respect of the Ski Area Sub Zones as one hearing stream. At present, it is anticipated that this stream will be heard in early May 2017 in Queenstown.
- 2. To enable the Hearing Panel to more efficiently arrange its time, and to ensure that venues can be obtained for the hearing time required, we seek indications from submitters as follows:
 - a) Whether they intend to appear or not;
 - b) If appearing, the number of persons likely to be presenting to the Panel and the expertise of those persons;
 - c) An indicative time likely to be required to present the case, allowing for questions from the Panel.
- 3. The Hearing Panel has no knowledge of the Council's position in respect of any of these submissions. For the purposes of estimating the time required and the witnesses involved, we ask that submitters assume that the Council will recommend rejecting their submission(s).
- 4. We will be requiring lodgement of evidence in advance to enable the Panel to preread it. We will also encourage the pre-lodgement of legal submissions so those can also be pre-read by the Panel. All evidence will be taken as read at the hearing. We will also provide the opportunity for rebuttal evidence to be lodged by the Council and any further submitter opposing the relevant submission. Each witness will be able to provide a brief summary at the hearing prior to answering

questions from the Panel. Once we have received the information requested and are able to estimate the overall time required, we will issue a more detailed procedural minute setting out dates for the s.42A report to be circulated and dates for evidence and rebuttal evidence to be lodged. We will also provide a schedule listing when submitters are to be heard. We note that by giving early advice of the hearing times, we would only be likely to agree to requests to lodge evidence late in exceptional circumstances.

- 5. We also note that once the hearing schedule has been prepared, the inclusion of additional submitters will necessitate fitting those additional submitters into available time slots within the timetable. We would not expect such additional submitters to have more than 10 minutes available to present their submission.
- 6. Please lodge the information requested in paragraph 2 above by 4pm on Monday 24 November 2016 to DP.Hearings@qldc.govt.nz.

For the Hearing Panel

Denis Nugent (Chair)

Augent

7 November 2016