

In the Environment Court of New Zealand  
Christchurch Registry

I Te Koti Taiao o Aotearoa  
Ōtautahi Rohe

**ENV-2018-CHC-000078**

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Under	the Resource Management Act 1991 ( <b>RMA</b> )
In the matter of	an appeal under Clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the RMA in relation to the proposed Queenstown Lakes District Plan
Between	<b>Department of Conservation</b> Appellant
And	<b>Queenstown Lakes District Council</b> Respondent

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**Notice of Soho's wish to be party to proceedings pursuant to section 274 RMA**

10 July 2018

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**To:** The Registrar  
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- 1 Soho Ski Area Limited and Blackmans Creek No. 1 (**Soho**) wish to be a party pursuant to section 274 of the RMA to the following proceedings:

*Department of Conservation v QLDC (ENV-2018-CHC-000078)* being an appeal against decisions of Queenstown Lakes District Council on the proposed Queenstown Lakes District Plan (**PDP**).

- 2 Soho is a person who made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.
- 3 Soho is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
- 4 Soho is interested in all of the proceedings.
- 5 Without derogating from the generality of the above, Soho is interested in the following particular issue:

**Chapter 33 Indigenous vegetation and biodiversity**

- (a) Policy 33.2.1.8 b iii
- (i) Soho opposes the relief sought because the criteria for determining the significant of indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna in the Council's decision are considered appropriate
- (b) Rules 33.3.3.2 and 33.3.3.3.
- (i) Soho opposes the relief sought because the Council's decision to increase the vegetation coverage thresholds are considered appropriate.
- (c) The standards within Rule 33.5 Table 3
- (i) Soho opposes the relief sought because amending these standards so that the clearance of indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna in significant natural areas may only occur in exceptional circumstances, as a non-complying activity is considered too stringent and does not balance other Part 2 considerations.

(d) Table 2 of Rule 33.5. Deletion of the notified version of rules 33.5.3 and 33.5.6 (permitted activity standards for clearance of indigenous vegetation other than in Significant Natural Areas or Alpine Environments).

(i) Soho opposes the relief sought because the decision version of the Rules within Rule 33.5 Table 2 is preferred for land outside of the SNAs as it appropriately distinguishes values.

6 Soho agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018

*Maree Baker-Galloway*

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**Advice**

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