

Queenstown Lakes District Council

Variation to Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan: Inclusionary Housing

Minute 5:

1. EXPERT WITNESS CONFERENCING

- 1.1 We refer the parties to Section 10 of Minute 1, which referred to the possibility of expert witness conferencing being directed by the Hearing Panel.
- 1.2 The Hearing Panel has read the s42A report/ evidence and evidence from submitters. It has decided that separate expert witness conferencing sessions of the economists and the planners is appropriate and would be helpful to the Hearing Panel.
- 1.3 The Hearing Panel is currently preparing written questions for both conferencing sessions and expects to circulate that document on the afternoon of Friday 19 January 2024.
- 1.4 Ian Munro, Independent Hearing Commissioner, will facilitate both conferencing sessions. Due to Mr Munro's own availability, the conferencing will now occur on **30 and 31 January 2024**. The location, time and venue for each conferencing session will be advised as soon as possible.

2. DIRECTIONS

- 2.1 Expert witness conferencing of the economists and planners is to occur on **30 and 31 January 2024 (separate sessions)**.
- 2.2 Consistent with the Environment Court Practice Note, only experts (being persons who have specialised knowledge or skill based on training, study, or experience) in the fields of economics and planning may attend the conference. Parties and counsel are not authorised to attend.
- 2.3 The conferencing will be facilitated by Mr Ian Munro.
- 2.4 The Hearing Panel's firm preference is for conferencing to occur in person. The conferencing is to address the written questions from the Hearing Panel and record the answers to those questions by way of a joint witness statement, to be lodged with the Council's Hearing Administrator **by noon on Monday 5 February 2024**. This time period takes account of the need for any rebuttal evidence from the Council to be lodged by 14 February 2024.

Jan Caunter, Chair

For the Hearing Panel

17 January 2024