

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of the Queenstown Lakes
Proposed District Plan

**MINUTE CONCERNING COUNCIL REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO LODGE SECTION 42A REPORTS**

1. In our Procedural Minute dated 1 May 2018 we set 28 May 2018 as the date the Council was to file and circulate the Section 42A Reports for the Stream 14 hearing. On Friday 25 May 2018 we received a memorandum from the Council seeking a two-day extension of time to lodge these reports. The Council is confident it is able to file and circulate other expert evidence by 4pm on 28 May 2018 but seeks an extension for the four Section 42A Reports prepared by the planners.
2. I have not been able to deal with the Council's request prior to today due to personal circumstances.
3. I have been delegated the Council's powers to make procedural decisions concerning the hearings on Stage 2 of the District Plan, including those related to the timetable for lodgement of evidence and reports.
4. Counsel for the Council's memorandum identifies that the Section 42A Report authors are dealing with some 6,080 submission points and that one of the authors as well as counsel have recently had illnesses which disrupted the report preparation programme.
5. The Hearing Panel has set up a timetable for the lodgement of reports and evidence to ensure an efficient and fair hearing process. Neither the Panel nor submitters would be well served by rushed and incomplete planning reports from the Council. The lodgement of the Council's technical evidence (excluding planning) by today will assist submitters in preparation of any technical evidence they propose to lodge. Given the availability of that evidence today, it is unlikely that a two-day delay in providing the planners' reports (which must, of course, be based on the technical evidence) would create any disadvantage for submitters and those preparing evidence and submissions on their behalf.

6. I further note that those preparing evidence and submissions on behalf of submitters should not be primarily responding to the Council Section 42A Report but rather, should be focussed on supporting the submission. Thus, the Section 42A Reports are not required before their evidence preparation can begin.

7. For those reasons, I grant the extension requested by the Council to lodge and distribute the Section 42A Reports by 4pm on Wednesday 30 May 2018. I have considered whether any further amendments should be made to the timetable set out in paragraph 20 of the Procedural Minute. For the reasons set out in the previous paragraph I have concluded that no further amendment is required.

28 May 2018



Denis Nugent
Hearing Panel Chair