

Form 18

Notice of requirement by Minister, local authority, or requiring authority for designation or alteration of designation.

To: Queenstown Lakes District Council (Territorial Authority)

In accordance with Clause 4 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 the Queenstown Lakes District Council (“QLDC”) (Requiring Authority) gives notice of requirement for the creation of new a designation for a public work in respect of land where a restriction is necessary for the safe or efficient functioning or operation of a public work.

SITE TO WHICH THE REQUIREMENT APPLIES:

Proposed Designation # 477 – Water Reservoir

The purpose of the proposed Designation # 477 is a ‘Water Reservoir’. The facility already exists and is referred to by QLDC infrastructure as ‘Lomond Crescent Water Reservoir’ and is located on the Ben Lomond Track legal Road Reserve. Specifically, the water reservoir is located approximately 270m north west of the intersection of Glasgow Street and Lomond Crescent, Queenstown.

The subject site is depicted below:

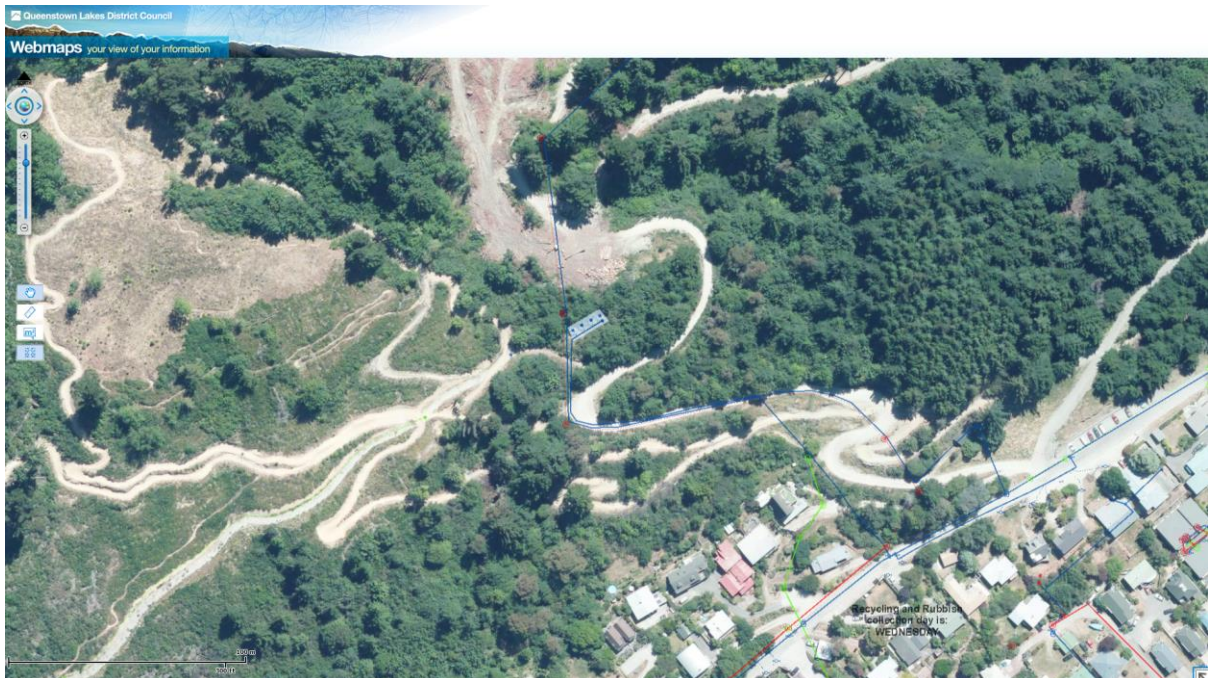


Figure 1 – Water Reservoir Shown in Blue in Centre of Figure. Source – QLDC Website 09.03.15

The overall cover letter for the Designations Chapter work includes a web link which will enable interested parties to view this change on the proposed planning maps.

The purpose of this proposed Designation is to formally identify and protect the QLDC's existing potable water infrastructure for which they are financially responsible for.

Specifically, the proposed Designation will enable QLDC to clearly identify the affected land to the community through the District Plan text and planning maps and will enable QLDC to undertake future works on the identified infrastructure without necessitating a land use consent.

The Designation will also formally restrict any other party from carrying out work on the subject site that could prevent or hinder the continued operation of the infrastructure without the requiring authorities' permission.

POTENTIAL EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT:

The incorporation of the water reservoir into a Designation within the District Plan will result in negligible potential adverse effects on the environment. As identified above, the subject site is currently operating.

The writer has not been made aware of any issues with the existing operation of the facilities. In effect, the Designation is a change on paper only and simply highlights the existence of and importance of the facilities continued operation.

However, it is acknowledged that the water reservoir and any associated pumping may produce noise as part of its operation. Accordingly, a condition is proposed requiring any pump operation to comply with the residential daytime and night time noise standards of the District Plan. Specifically, the operational noise of the facility in this proposed Designation will be controlled by proposed condition C.17 in the draft Designations Chapter.

ALTERNATIVE SITES:

As identified above, the subject site and the water reservoir proposed to be designated already exists. Accordingly, there are no viable alternatives that could be considered.

THE PROPOSED ALTERATION/NEW DESIGNATION IS REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE REQUIRING AUTHORITY BECAUSE:

The key objective of the requiring authority in relation to this notice is to ensure that the Designation adequately provides for the on-going operation, maintenance and upgrades of vital community infrastructure for which the QLDC is financially responsible for and that the community has an expectation of the level of effects that may be generated – in this case noise emissions.

CONSULTATION:

The Requiring Authority is the landowner. As the water reservoir currently exists no consultation has been undertaken as part of the preparation of this notice. The Designation as proposed will be available for public submissions when the Proposed District Plan is publicly notified.



Signed for the Queenstown Lakes District Council by Sean Dent
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08 June 2015

Date