

**QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL – PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN
UPPER CLUTHA LANDSCAPE SCHEDULES VARIATION**

MINUTE 13 OF THE COMMISSION

ACCEPTANCE OF REQUEST FROM ERIC HOPGOOD FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

28 AUGUST 2026

Introduction

1. The Queenstown Lakes District Council (the Council) has appointed a Hearing Panel, which comprises Commissioners Peter Kensington, Richard Blakey and Quentin Smith (the Hearing Panel / Commission), to hear all submissions and, after it has heard the submissions, to make recommendations on the Variation to the Proposed District Plan: Upper Clutha Landscape Schedules, as to whether to accept or reject the submissions received and any amendments to the provisions of the Schedules. The Council is then required to decide whether to accept or reject the Hearing Panel's recommendations.
2. In facilitating the hearing process, the Council has passed delegated authority to the Hearing Panel to make determinations regarding any procedural matters that arise.

Memorandum of Counsel for Eric Hopgood dated 26 August 2026

3. Legal Counsel for Eric Hopgood (Hawthenden) (Submitter 50), via memorandum dated 26 August 2026, has requested an extension of time for lodgement of legal submissions. The timetable, as set out at paragraph 9.8 within Minute 4 from the Hearings Panel dated 22 April 2026, required such submissions to be filed by 12 noon on Wednesday 26 August 2026. The reasons for the requested extension are set out at paragraphs 2(a)-(c) of the memo received from the submitter, with the request being to extend the submission timeframe through until Friday 28 August 2026 (with no time specified).

Acceptance of request

4. The Hearing Panel accepts the request and approves the extension for lodgement of legal submissions on behalf of Eric Hopgood, with these now due to be provided by **5.00pm on Friday 28 August 2026**. The Hearing Panel accepts the reasons for the request and considers no prejudice arises in making this procedural decision – noting that the submissions are unlikely to be available to other parties for viewing until Monday 31 August 2026 (given the logistics of being able to post material to the hearing webpage) unless the submissions are provided earlier in the day, which the Hearing Panel encourages if possible.
5. Should any party have any queries in relation to this Minute or require any clarification in relation to the process for this hearing, please contact the Hearings Administrator by email at dp.hearings@qldc.govt.nz.



Peter Kensington

For the Commission

28 August 2026