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Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel
Queenstown Lakes District Council
By email: DP.Hearings@qldc.govt.nz

HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA HEARING STATEMENT TO BE TABLED – HEARING COMMENCING 25 JULY 2016 – SECTION 27: SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT

1. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 (HNZPTA) for the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of New Zealand's historical and cultural heritage. Heritage New Zealand is New Zealand's lead heritage agency.
2. Heritage New Zealand submitted on various sections of the Proposed Queenstown Lakes District Plan (PDP) (submission 426). Relevant to this hearing statement is the Subdivision and Development section, and Heritage New Zealand's submission points 426.18 & 426.19.
3. Heritage New Zealand has read and considered the Section 42A Officer's Report for the Subdivision and Development chapter dated 29 June 2016.
4. The Section 42A Report recommends some amendments to the provisions that Heritage New Zealand supported in its submission. Heritage New Zealand supports the recommendations.
5. Rather than attend the hearing, Heritage New Zealand requests that this statement be tabled at the hearing. In addition we are happy to be contacted should the hearings panel require clarification on any points raised in this letter or Heritage New Zealand's previous submissions.

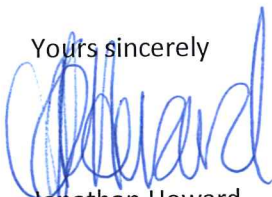
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6. In its submission Heritage New Zealand particularly supported discretionary activity status for the subdivision of land containing scheduled heritage items and identified heritage landscapes, as well as the objectives and policies providing for the protection and appropriate management of heritage values within subdivision activities.
7. The approach taken to the subdivision of land containing scheduled heritage items is consistent with Heritage New Zealand best practice guidance for district plans, which recommends discretionary activity status for such activities. This recognises that poorly designed subdivision has the potential to marginalise significant heritage features and/or compromise important heritage settings. Appropriate subdivision design can usually avoid such adverse effects. Heritage New Zealand therefore considers discretionary activity status to be appropriate, as set out in both the notified and Section 42A report revised version of PDP Chapter 27.
8. The Section 42A report recommends the deletion of policy 27.2.1.5. Heritage New Zealand is comfortable that policy 27.2.1.6 already directs that other agencies shall be involved where relevant, and that policy 27.2.4.5 somewhat duplicates this, albeit with slightly more specific wording. Accordingly Heritage New Zealand does not have any issues with the recommendation to delete policy 27.2.1.5 provided that policy 27.2.1.6 is retained.

CONCLUSION

9. Heritage New Zealand respectfully requests that the hearings panel adopts the recommendations of the officer's Section 42A reports as discussed above. If there are any questions arising from this letter or Heritage New Zealand's submissions we are happy to be contacted for clarification. Please contact Jane O'Dea of this office in the first instance – jodea@heritage.org.nz, 03 4702366.

Yours sincerely



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