
**Form 6: Further submission in support of, or in opposition to,
submission on notified proposed variation**

Pursuant to clause 8 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991

To: Queenstown Lakes District Council (**the Council**)

Name of submitter: Penny Nelson, Director-General of Conservation (the **Director-General**)

1. This is a further submission in support of a submission on the proposed Te Pūtahi Ladies Mile Variation to the proposed Queenstown Lakes District Plan (the **Proposal**).

2. The **Director-General** represents relevant aspects of public interest and has interest in the proposal that is greater than the interest of the general public. The Director-General has all the powers reasonably necessary to enable the Department of Conservation (**DOC**) to perform its functions¹. The Conservation Act 1987 (the **CA**) sets out DOC's functions which include (amongst other things) management of land and natural and historic resources for conservation purposes, preservation so far as is practicable of all indigenous freshwater fisheries, protection of recreational freshwater fisheries and freshwater fish habitats and advocacy for the conservation of natural resources and historic heritage². Section 2 of the CA defines 'conservation' to mean *'the preservation and protection of natural and historic resources for the purpose of maintaining their intrinsic values, providing for their appreciation and recreational enjoyment by the public, and safeguarding the options of future generations'*.

3. I have outlined my views on specific submissions in the **attached** table.

4. I wish to be heard in support of my further submission.

5. If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

¹ Refer section 53 Conservation Act 1987.

² Conservation Act 1987, section 6.

6. A copy of this submission has been served on the original submitters.



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Acting pursuant to delegated authority on behalf of Penny Nelson, Director-General of Conservation

Date: 3rd August 2023

Note: A copy of the Instrument of Delegation may be inspected at the Director-General's office at Conservation House Whare Kaupapa Atawhai, 18/32 Manners Street, Wellington 6011

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I support the submission of:	The particular parts of the submission I support are:	The reasons for my support are:	I seek that the whole of the submission be allowed:
<p>Aukaha and Te Ao Marama Inc on behalf of the Papatipu Rūnanga and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu ('Kāi Tahu')</p>	<p>I support the entire submission and the relief sought, for the reasons given in the submission, particularly the amendments sought to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zone purpose 49.1 • Policy 49.2.1.1 • Objective 49.2.7 • Objective 49.2.8 • Policy 49.2.8.2 • Rule 49.5.12 • Rule 49.5.25 • Rule 49.5.47 • New rule to stage development • Rule 49.7.1.f • Structure Plan 49.8 • Objective 27.3.24 • Policy 27.3.24.1 • Policy 27.3.24.3 • Rule 27.7.28.1 	<p>The amendments sought are in line with the general submission points of the Director-General, and provide useful extra specificity. The amendments would allow the proposed Variation to better give effect to the Act, the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020, the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023, and the partially operative Otago Regional Policy Statement 2019.</p>	<p>I seek that the supported submission points be allowed.</p>