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To the Land or Property Owner/ submitter

Partial withdrawal of Wāhi Tūpuna (Sites of significance to iwi) provisions

In September 2019, Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) notified Stage 3 of the Proposed District Plan review, which included the Wāhi Tūpuna chapter. This identified and mapped areas and places that hold particular significance to Kāi Tahu.

This letter is to inform you, as an affected property owner, or submitter to Stage 3 of the proposed district plan, that as of 19 May 2020, QLDC has approved the withdrawal of the proposed Wāhi Tūpuna Overlay from those areas where it affects the following zones of the Operative District Plan:

- Quail Rise Special Zone
- Remarkables Park Special Zone
- Shotover Country Special Zone
- Mt Cardrona Station Special Zone
- Kingston Village Special Zone
- The High Density Residential Zone located on the western edge of Gorge Road.

The overlay has been withdrawn from these areas as the above special zones have not been notified as part of the current district plan review as yet. Withdrawal will provide greater certainty to landowners, plan users and decision makers that these areas of land will continue to be regulated by the relevant zone and district wide provisions of the Operative District Plan, as well as the strategic chapters of the Proposed District Plan.

When the operative zones for these areas of land are reviewed in a future stage of the plan review, the Council can consider re-notifying the Wāhi Tūpuna Overlays. However, the hearing of submissions and consideration of evidence for all other aspects of the notified Wāhi Tūpuna proposals will continue, as set out in the Minutes from the Chair of the Independent Hearings Panel available on the Council website.

Persons or parties with an interest in any of the other matters that make up stage 3 of the plan review who have made a submission or further submission are encouraged to continue to participate in this process as they see fit.

If you have any questions on this, please contact the planning policy team on pdpenguiries@qldc.govt.nz or 03 441 0499.

Kind regards,

The QLDC Policy Planning Team