

IN THE MATTER of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of Stage 3 of the
Queenstown Lakes
Proposed District Plan

**MINUTE 11 – DRAFT TIMETABLE
FOR RESUMPTION OF HEARING PROCESS**

1. With New Zealand having moved to Level 3 restrictions in response to Covid-19 overnight and a further decision foreshadowed on 11 May to move further back towards normality, I have formulated a draft timetable for resumption of the First Schedule hearing process related to Stage 3. The purpose of this Minute is to seek input from the parties on my initial thoughts.
2. Firstly, I should note that I have investigated in consultation with the Council, the prospect of an entirely 'remote' hearing. Although other councils are holding RMA hearings utilizing Zoom, I do not believe that it is practicable or efficient to do so in this case. That said, I propose that any party who wishes to appear, or have counsel or witnesses appear by Zoom (or similar technology), whether by reason of the Covid-19 restrictions or advisories in place at the time or otherwise, they may do so. The Hearing Panel, however, will be physically assembled in a hearing room together. To the extent the Panel, Council Staff, and other parties are gathering in one place, the hearing will be conducted in accordance with Ministry of Health recommendations at the time.
3. I propose that in most other respects, the principles set out in my Minute 6 will apply. Accordingly, for most hearing topics, that will require submitters to file evidence in chief and rebuttal. I propose 29 May as the deadline for evidence in chief and 12 June for rebuttal.

4. The exception relates to the submissions and further submissions on wāhi tūpuna matters (both the text of Chapter 39 and of the consequential variations notified with it, and mapping of wāhi tūpuna sites/areas). In that case, I propose that in recognition of the key role of tangata whenua in development of these provisions, as described in the Section 42A Report, kā rūnaka (submitter #3289 and further submitter #3430) should file its evidence in chief on or before 22 May, with all other submitters filing their evidence in chief on those matters on or before 12 June. To accommodate this different approach to circulation of evidence, I do not propose to direct that rebuttal evidence be pre-circulated at this point.
5. The Hearing Panel proposes to undertake site visits in the week of 15 June with the hearing commencing 30 June in Queenstown. That week, we would propose to sit 30 June to 2 July, with 3 July as a reserve day, to hear the Council's opening. Thereafter, wāhi tūpuna matters will be heard 7-9 July in Queenstown and 14-16 July in Wanaka, with 21-23 July as reserve days (if required) in Queenstown).
6. Submissions and further submissions on what I described as the balance of matters in Minute 6 (i.e. Chapter 20 (Settlement Zone) and associated variations; variations to Chapter 30 (Energy and Utilities) and related variation to Chapter 2 definitions; variations to Chapters 21-24 and 38 (firefighting standards); variation to Chapter 26 and associated mapping variation (Chalmers Cottage); variations to Chapters 7-9, 12-16 (glare); variations to Maps 31a, 32, and 37 (Frankton Road); variation to Chapter 2 (residential flat definition); variations to Chapters 7-9 (waste and recycling); variation to Chapter 38 (Open Space and Recreation Zone) and associated variations to maps and other chapters; Chapter 46 (Rural Visitor Zone) and the associated maps and variations to other chapters; variation to Chapter 20 (Cardrona Settlement Zone) and associated variations to maps and other chapters; variations to Chapter 27 (Peninsula Bay and Wyuna Station provisions); Attley Road and Brownston Road mapping variations; variation to Chapter 43 (Millbrook Rule 43.5.2)) would be heard 28-30 July (in Queenstown) and 4-6 August (in Wanaka).
7. Submissions and further submissions relating to Chapter 18A (General Industrial Zone) and the associated maps and variations to other chapters, 100 Ballantyne Road mapping variation, Chapter 19A (Three Parks Commercial Zone) the associated maps and variations to other chapters, and the Residential Design Guide, Residential Design Guidelines Variations to Chapters 7-9, Business Mixed

Use Design Guide and Business Mixed Use Design Guidelines Variations to Chapters 16 and 17 would be heard 11-13 August in Wanaka.

8. The allocation of commissioners to each set of hearing topics will be as per Minute 6.
9. As previously, submitters who wish to take more than 10 minutes will need to advise how much time they need, and why. To avoid confusion, that will include the parties who had already advised their requirements prior to suspension of the timetable. My directions will cover that.
10. If any party has any feedback on any aspect of the timetabling arrangements described above that they would like me to consider before I make hearing directions, it should be emailed to the Hearing Administrator (dphearings@qldc.govt.nz) before 4pm on 1 May.
11. Stating the obvious, this proposed timetable is premised on a move to Level 2 restrictions or better soon after 11 May. I have also assumed that we can find appropriate venues for the proposed hearing slots. If my optimism in either regard proves to be unfounded, then we will necessarily need to think again.

Dated 28 April 2020



Trevor Robinson
Chair
Stage 3 Hearing Panel