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MINUTES OF PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN HEARING

Upper Clutha Landscape Schedule Variation

Hearing of submissions and further submissions made on the Variation to the Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan: Upper Clutha Landscape Schedules

Minutes of Proposed District Plan Hearing heard by Independent Hearing Panel held at The Wanaka Community Hub, Wanaka at 9.15am on Thursday September 3rd, 2026.

INDEPENDENT HEARING PANEL

Peter Kensington (Commissioner Chair), Richard Blakey (Commissioner) and Deputy Mayor Quentin Smith (Commissioner)

IN ATTENDANCE

For the Council: Emily Frew (Policy Planner), Amy Bowbyes (Principal Policy Planner), Trish Anderson (District Plan Hearings Senior Administrator) and Patricia Pontes Monteiro (District Plan Administrator).

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Recording 1: PDP – Upper Clutha Landscape Schedule – 3.09.2026

Commissioner Chair Peter Kensington opened the hearing with at 9:15am.

9:15am Lucy King from Todd Walker on behalf of Hawthenden Trust (Submitter 22 and 30), Devon Dairy Holdings Ltd (Submitter 29 and 60), Exclusive Developments Ltd (Submitter 45), Mata Au Investments Ltd (Submitter 17), Grandview Grazing Limited (Submitter 9), and Lake McKay 2024 Limited Partnership (Submitter 16) presented and responded to questions from the panel.

The meeting adjourned for tea break at 10:35 am and reconvened at 10:53 am.

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10:53am Dan Curley from IP Solutions on behalf of Devon Dairy Holdings Ltd (Submitter 29), Jolly Holdings Ltd (Submitter 21), John & Collen Leith (Submitter 20), Laing Dairy Ltd (Submitter 35), Grandview Grazing Ltd (Submitter 9), Lake McKay 2024 Limited Partnership (Submitter 16), and Mata Au Investments Ltd (Submitter 17) presented and responded to questions from the panel.

12:04pm Ben Espie (landscape Architect) on behalf of Devon Dairy Holdings Ltd (Submitter 29), Jolly Holdings Ltd (Submitter 21), John & Collen Leith (Submitter 20), Laing Dairy Ltd (Submitter 35), Grandview Grazing Ltd (Submitter 9), Lake McKay 2024 Limited Partnership (Submitter 16), and Mata Au Investments Ltd (Submitter 17) presented and responded to questions from the panel.

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The meeting adjourned for Lunch at 12:36 pm and reconvened at 1:10 pm.

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- 1:10pm Maree Baker-Galloway from Anderson Lloyd on behalf of Dirk and Rebecca Venter (Submitter 47), Kathryn and Vaughn Woodfield (submitter 39), and NW & DJ Pittaway Family Trust (Submitter 36) presented and responded to questions from the panel.
- 2:01pm Kathryn Woodfield (Submitter 39) presented and responded to questions from the panel.
- 2:23pm Dirk and Rebecca Venter (Submitter 47) presented and responded to questions from the panel.
- 2:36pm Steve Skelton (Landscape Architect) on behalf of Dirk and Rebecca Venter (Submitter 47), Kathryn and Vaughn Woodfield (submitter 39), and NW & DJ Pittaway Family Trust (Submitter 36) presented and responded to questions from the panel.

The meeting adjourned for tea break at 3:00 pm and reconvened at 3:16 pm.

- 3:16pm Ms Baker-Galloway introduced Eric Hopgood (Submitter 50) and continued presenting and responded to questions from the panel.
- 3:51pm Mr Hopgood (Submitter 50) presented and responded to questions from the panel.
- 3:52pm Michael Nidd (lawyer) represented Mr Hopgood presented and responded to questions from the panel.
- 4:02pm Commissioner Peter Kensington noted that Dr John Cossens (Submitter 62) chose not to speak at the hearing but had provided written evidence, which would still be taken into consideration.
- 4:03pm Emily Frew (QLDC Planner) had the right to reply and responded to questions from the panel.

The Hearing adjourned at 4:09pm on Wednesday 15th of April 2026 for deliberations.