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Subject: Arthurs Point Renotification; Response to Commissioners Minute 19/10/22
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Hi Shelley,

I am writing in response to the Jane Taylor Commissioner Memo dated yesterday 19/10/22 RE the Arthurs Point PDP Stage 1 hearings timetable and the Gertrude and Larchmont memorandum dated 13/10/22 but received by the commissioners on 17/10/22.

As a further submitter in opposition to the Gertrude and Larchmont re-notification submission in light of the memo from Gertrude and Larchmont where they have submitted a substantially revised proposed structure plan at the very last minute, indeed after the bulk of the Section 42 report/analysis has already been prepared, I am deeply concerned that if the current expert conferencing and hearings scheduled for Nov 2022 go ahead it will compromise the fairness and transparency of the hearings process.

A central tenant of the Resource Management Act is that an interested person who has an interest greater than the general public is given every opportunity, and has the legal right, to engage and fully participate with all hearings processes. By rushing and compressing the hearings process and shoehorning new submissions in at the last minute an interested layperson is not being given enough time to enable them properly consider and review revised submissions and weigh up and review all the associated evidence.

Likewise, expert evidence prepared and presented in the proposed rushed and hurried manner is of lower quality and does not give supporting or opposing parties enough time to properly review it and respond. Simply pushing the review of the revised structure plan by QLDC experts into the rebuttal evidence removes one critical step that experts and the interested layperson has to analyse, review, and respond.

Residents of Arthurs Point like myself have spent considerable time and money in a protracted and hard-fought 'David and Goliath' legal battle against Gertrude and Larchmont and QLDC over most of the last 3 and a half years fighting for fairness, transparency, and a right to have a say on the protection of the ONL landscape and ONF features of this Atley Road site in Arthurs Point against inappropriate development and subdivision.

It would be a tremendous pity, not to mention ironic, if the ability of local residents of Arthurs Point to participate in the hearings process was thwarted at the last minute and would be completely contrary to the intent of the Environment Court decision instructing QLDC to publicly renotify submissions on this land so the public could be given the chance to fully participate in a new process that was not flawed.

Please review the current hearings schedule and push back on the

Gertrude/Larchmont request to go straight into expert conferencing. As an interested person, I implore the commissioners to adopt the logical, transparent, and fair step-by-step hearings process that the Arthurs Point Outstanding Natural Landscape Society has proposed in their Memo to the Commissioners on 19/10/22.

Kind regards,
Matthew Semple

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From: DP Hearings <DP.Hearings@qldc.govt.nz>

Subject: APONLS memo received - Arthurs Point Hearing

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Please be advised that we have received the following 'APONLS Memo as to Hearing Date and Evidence Timetable (19 Oct 2022)' and it is available to view on the hearing webpage here:

<https://www.qldc.govt.nz/your-council/district-plan/proposed-district-plan/hearings/arthurs-point-stage-1>

Kind regards
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