

Form 18

Notice of requirement by Minister, local authority, or requiring authority for designation or alteration of designation.

To: Queenstown Lakes District Council (Territorial Authority)

In accordance with Clause 4 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 the Queenstown Lakes District Council (“QLDC”) (Requiring Authority) gives notice of requirement for the creation of new a designation for a public work in respect of land where a restriction is necessary for the safe or efficient functioning or operation of a public work.

SITE TO WHICH THE REQUIREMENT APPLIES:

Proposed Designation # 515 – Recreation Reserve

The purpose of the proposed Designation # 515 is a ‘Recreation Reserve’. The subject sites already exist and are located off West Meadows Drive, Wanaka. The subject sites are legally described as Lot 902 DP 442803 and Lot 97 DP 417176.

The subject sites are depicted below:



Figure 1 – Lot 902 DP 442803 Shown in Yellow Lot 97 immediately to the East. Source – QLDC Website 23.03.15

The overall cover letter for the Designations Chapter work includes a web link which will enable interested parties to view this change on the proposed planning maps.

The purpose of this proposed Designation is to formally identify the QLDC's reserves and associated facilities for which they are financially responsible for.

Specifically, the proposed Designation will enable QLDC to clearly identify the affected land to the community through the District Plan text and planning maps and will offer certainty regarding the expectations for use of the land.

Further, the proposed designation will enable QLDC to undertake future works on the identified reserves and their existing infrastructure without necessitating a land use consent.

The Designation will also formally restrict any other party from carrying out work on the subject site that could prevent or hinder the continued use of the reserves and their facilities without the requiring authorities' permission.

POTENTIAL EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT:

The incorporation of the proposed reserves into a formal Designation within the District Plan will result in negligible potential adverse effects on the environment. As identified above, the subject sites already exist and are being utilised for their proposed purpose.

The writer has not been made aware of any issues with the existing operation of the proposed reserves. In effect, the Designation merely reflects the purpose described on the Certificate of Title for the subject sites.

The proposed change is essentially a change on paper (Planning Maps) only as opposed to a change in use of the land, and simply highlights the existence of and importance of the reserves and their continued use.

As the proposed Designation is a Recreation Reserve it is considered appropriate that the conditions for Recreation Reserves contained in Part B of the Designations Chapter of the District Plan should apply to this Designation.

Such a requirement will afford the community some certainty over the potential for the sites use including bulk and location of future buildings, details on surfacing, lighting (glare), noise and hours of operation.

Accordingly, a condition is proposed requiring the designated land to comply with the conditions in B. of the draft Designations Chapter. As such, the potential adverse effects on the environment are considered to be less than minor.

ALTERNATIVE SITES:

As identified above, the subject sites proposed to be designated as Recreation Reserves already exist.

Accordingly, there are no viable alternatives that could be considered.

THE PROPOSED ALTERATION/NEW DESIGNATION IS REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE REQUIRING AUTHORITY BECAUSE:

The key objective of the requiring authority in relation to this notice is to ensure that the Designation adequately provides for the on-going use of the land as Recreation Reserves, and allows for the maintenance, upgrade or construction of existing and future proposed facilities associated with the reserves purpose without necessitating further land use consents.

In addition, the designation will afford the community a clear expectation of the level of effects that may be generated from the continued use of the subject sites.

CONSULTATION:

The Requiring Authority is the landowner. As the proposed reserves currently exist, no consultation has been undertaken as part of the preparation of this notice. The Designation as proposed will be available for public submissions when the Proposed District Plan is publicly notified.



Signed for the Queenstown Lakes District Council by Sean Dent
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08 June 2015

Date