

IN THE MATTER of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Queenstown Lakes
Proposed District Plan

AND

IN THE MATTER of Hearing Stream 14:
Wakatipu Basin

**MINUTE CONCERNING SUBMISSION LODGED BY THE AIRCRAFT
OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSN OF NZ – SUBMISSION 2663**

1. By a decision issued on 10 December 2018, Commissioner Taylor re-instated the parts of Submission 2663 struck out by the Hearing Panel Chair in September 2018.
2. On 24 October 2018, at a hearing in Queenstown, the Stream 14 Hearing Panel heard Mr Tapper on behalf of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assn of NZ ('AOPA') on the portions of the submission extant at that time. Mr Tapper provided written evidence and provided extensive and helpful answers to all of our questions. The Panel thought Mr Tapper said everything a well-informed lay witness could say in support of the AOPA submission concerning provision made for informal airports in the Wakatipu Basin.
3. The question arises as to whether the Panel need reconvene to hear AOPA any further. That, of course, is a decision for the submitter not the Hearing Panel.
4. If a further hearing were required, prior commitments of the panel members means that the only opportunity for such a hearing would be in the week of 18 February 2019. In addition, the Hearing Panel would require any evidence to be presented by AOPA to be lodged at least 15 working days prior to the hearing (that is, by 28

January 2019), and the Council to lodge any rebuttal of such evidence at least 5 working days prior to the hearing (by 11 February 2019).

5. For these reasons we ask that AOPA advise the Council (email: DP.Hearings@qldc.govt.nz) as soon as possible, and preferably before 31 December 2018, whether it wishes to be heard further in support of its submission.

For the Hearing Panel



Denis Nugent, Chair
21 December 2018