

**QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL – PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN
UPPER CLUTHA LANDSCAPE SCHEDULES VARIATION**

**MINUTE 10 OF THE COMMISSION
EXPERT CONFERENCING FACILITATION REPORT DATED 15 JULY 2026
16 JULY 2026**

Introduction

1. The Queenstown Lakes District Council (the Council) has appointed a Hearing Panel, which comprises Commissioners Peter Kensington, Richard Blakey and Quentin Smith (the Hearing Panel / Commission), to hear all submissions and, after it has heard the submissions, to make recommendations on the Variation to the Proposed District Plan: Upper Clutha Landscape Schedules, as to whether to accept or reject the submissions received and any amendments to the provisions of the Schedules. The Council is then required to decide whether to accept or reject the Hearing Panel's recommendations.
2. In facilitating the hearing process, the Council has passed delegated authority to the Hearing Panel to make determinations regarding any procedural matters that arise.

Report from Ken Fletcher dated 15 July 2026 – Landscape and Planning Expert Conferencing

3. The Hearing Panel has received a report from Mr Ken Fletcher which outlines his facilitation of the expert conferencing between landscape and planning experts, held in response to the directions in Minute 7.

Response

4. The Hearing Panel thanks Mr Fletcher for undertaking this facilitation role and for his report, with associated attachments including the Joint Witness Statement of the experts that attended.
5. Paragraph 9 of Mr Fletcher's report recommends that Ms Gilbert, for the council, be directed to produce "clean" versions of the marked-up schedules which have been attached to the Joint Witness Statement. However, for clarity, the Hearing Panel is satisfied that the marked-up version of the schedules are sufficiently clear and such a task is not required at this point in the process.
6. The Hearing Panel acknowledge the observations set out by Mr Fletcher's at paragraphs 7-8 of his report.
7. Should any party have any queries in relation to this Minute or require any clarification in relation to the process for this hearing, please contact the Hearings Administrator by email at dp.hearings@qldc.govt.nz.



Peter Kensington

For the Commission

16 July 2026