

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of Stage 3 of the
Queenstown Lakes
Proposed District Plan

MINUTE 13 – ADDENDUM TO HEARING ARRANGEMENTS

1. Following release of Minute 12, queries have been funnelled through to me regarding aspects of the Hearing Timetable. The purpose of this Minute is to add to/amend my Hearing Directions, in case these queries apply more generally.

Tabled Evidence

2. If submitters are unable to appear, either in person, or virtually, the option is still open to table written evidence/representations prior to the hearing commencing. When exactly this should be done depends on the length of the material sought to be tabled. If it is more than two A4 pages, it should be provided on the same date as evidence which is going to be heard (as per Minute 12). If it is two A4 pages or less, I direct that it be filed on or before Wednesday 24 June (in order that the Council has the opportunity to respond to it when we hear the Council case the following week).
3. I note that one byproduct of evidence being tabled is that the Hearing Panel are unable to ask the witness questions, to clarify any aspects of the evidence, unless this is done in writing subsequently. Depending on the nature of the issues canvassed in the evidence, in particular whether the evidence addresses matters that are contested, this may lead to the evidence being given less weight than if it had been 'heard' by the Hearing Panel. Parties should reflect on that before deciding to avail themselves of this option.

Combining Evidence

4. In previous stages of the District Plan, planning witnesses (in particular) appearing for multiple parties have been directed to present one brief of evidence where the

respective submissions overlap (so that the Hearing Panel does not hear essentially the same evidence on multiple occasions for multiple parties). Similarly where counsel represents more than one party in relation to the same issues.

5. It does not appear that I have made a specific direction to that effect (so far) in the Stage 3 hearing process. Nevertheless, I would request both counsel and planning witnesses to adopt the same approach wherever possible.
6. One potential exception, however, is for rezoning requests. At least where non-contiguous blocks of land are involved, it is helpful if a discrete case is presented specific to the property(ies) concerned.
7. Again, I do not propose to make directions on the point but would ask the parties to consider what is the most efficient mode of presentation.

Wāhi Tūpuna Evidence

8. In Minute 12, I directed that the evidence of Kā Rūnaka (submitter #3289 and further submitter #3430) be filed on or before 29 May. I overlooked the fact that although they form part of the combined rūnaka further submission as above, Te Ao Marama Inc filed a separate primary submission on behalf of Awarua Rūnaka, Te Rūnanga o Oraka Aparima and Waihopai Rūnaka (#3313). I have assumed that the rūnaka will be presenting a joint case, as was the case for the Stage 1A hearing, but if this is not correct, and for the avoidance of doubt, I direct that the evidence in chief presented in respect of submission #3313 also be filed on or before 29 May.

Dated 12 May 2020



**Trevor Robinson
Chair
Stage 3 Hearing Panel**