

EVIDENCE IN CHIEF OF B GILBERT FOR QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Appendix 5: October 2020 Upper Clutha PA Mapping JWS**

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AT CHRISTCHURCH  
I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

**ENV-2018-331-000019**

**UNDER** of the Resource Management  
Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of appeals under clause 14  
Schedule 1 of the Act against  
decisions of the Queenstown  
Lakes District Council on Stage  
1 of the Proposed Queenstown  
Lakes District Plan

**BETWEEN** **DARBY PLANNING LIMITED**

and all other appellants  
concerning Topic 1 of Stage 1  
of the Proposed Queenstown  
Lakes District Plan

**Appellants**

**AND** **QUEENSTOWN LAKES  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Respondent**

---

**JOINT STATEMENT ARISING FROM EXPERT LANDSCAPE CONFERENCING IN**

**RELATION TO THE UPPER CLUTHA PRIORITY AREA MAPPING**

**TOPIC 2: RURAL LANDSCAPES**

---

## A. INTRODUCTION

1. This joint statement is the outcome of landscape expert witness conferencing for Topic 2, regarding the extent of RCL Priority Areas in the Upper Clutha Basin.
2. The expert conferencing session was held in Auckland on 8 October 2020.
3. The experts who attended the conferencing session are set out below.
  - (a) Helen Mellsop – landscape (QLDC);
  - (b) Bridget Gilbert – landscape (QLDC);
  - (c) Stephen Brown – landscape (Queenstown Park Limited); and
  - (d) Di Lucas – landscape (Upper Clutha Environmental Society Incorporated (UCESI)).
4. Prior to conferencing, all participants reviewed the draft RCL Priority Area mapping in the Upper Clutha Basin, prepared by QLDC and dated 5 October 2020.
5. This joint statement has been prepared in accordance with Section 4.7 of the Environment Court Practice Note 2014.
6. In addition, all attendees have read, and agree to abide with, Appendix 3 to the Environment Court Practice Note 2014, which comprises the Protocol for Expert Witness Conferencing.

### **RCL Priority Areas in the Upper Clutha Basin**

7. The landscape experts agree that all of the RCL PA areas should be mapped to adopt 'landscape' (e.g. landforms, land use, river, bush features etc) rather than 'road' boundaries.
8. **Cardrona River/Mt Barker Road RCL PA:** the landscape experts agree that the PA mapping should be extended to the base of the lower Criffel Terrace due to the similarity of this area with respect to landscape characteristics and values, to the balance of the mapped Cardrona River/Mt Barker Road RCL.

9. **Halliday Road/Corbridge RCL PA:** the landscape experts agree that the PA mapping should be extended south-eastwards to run along the top of the river scarp, terminating at Stevenson Road due to the similarity of this area with respect to landscape characteristics and values, to the balance of the mapped Halliday Road/Corbridge RCL PA.
10. **West of Hāwea River RCL PA:** the landscape experts agree that the PA mapping should be extended westwards to the ONL boundary and reconfigured to include Maungawera Hill.
11. **Church Road /Shortcut Road RCL PA:** the landscape experts agree that this is a 'lesser' PA for inclusion. If it is included, the landscape experts consider that the extent of the PA should be expanded westwards to the toe of the slopes, and eastwards to the river so that the PA boundaries align with landscape boundaries rather than road boundaries.
12. **Maungawera Valley RCL PA (proposed):** notwithstanding that the Council has not included this area as a RCL PA, the experts agree that a RCL PA should be added that captures the lower flanks of Mt Brown where there is development pressure.
13. **Hawea Flats RCL PA (proposed):** notwithstanding that the Council has not included this area as a RCL PA, the experts agree that a RCL PA should be added that captures land around Hāwea Flats that is vulnerable to development pressure. The recommended area roughly extends between Camphill Road and Watkins Road, although landscape boundaries for the PA should be determined by detailed mapping analysis.
14. Maps showing the recommended extensions and additions to Upper Clutha Basin RCL Priority Areas are attached as **Appendix A**.

**DATE:** 29 October 2020.



---

Stephen Brown



---

Di Lucas



---

Yvonne Pfluger



---

Helen Mellsop

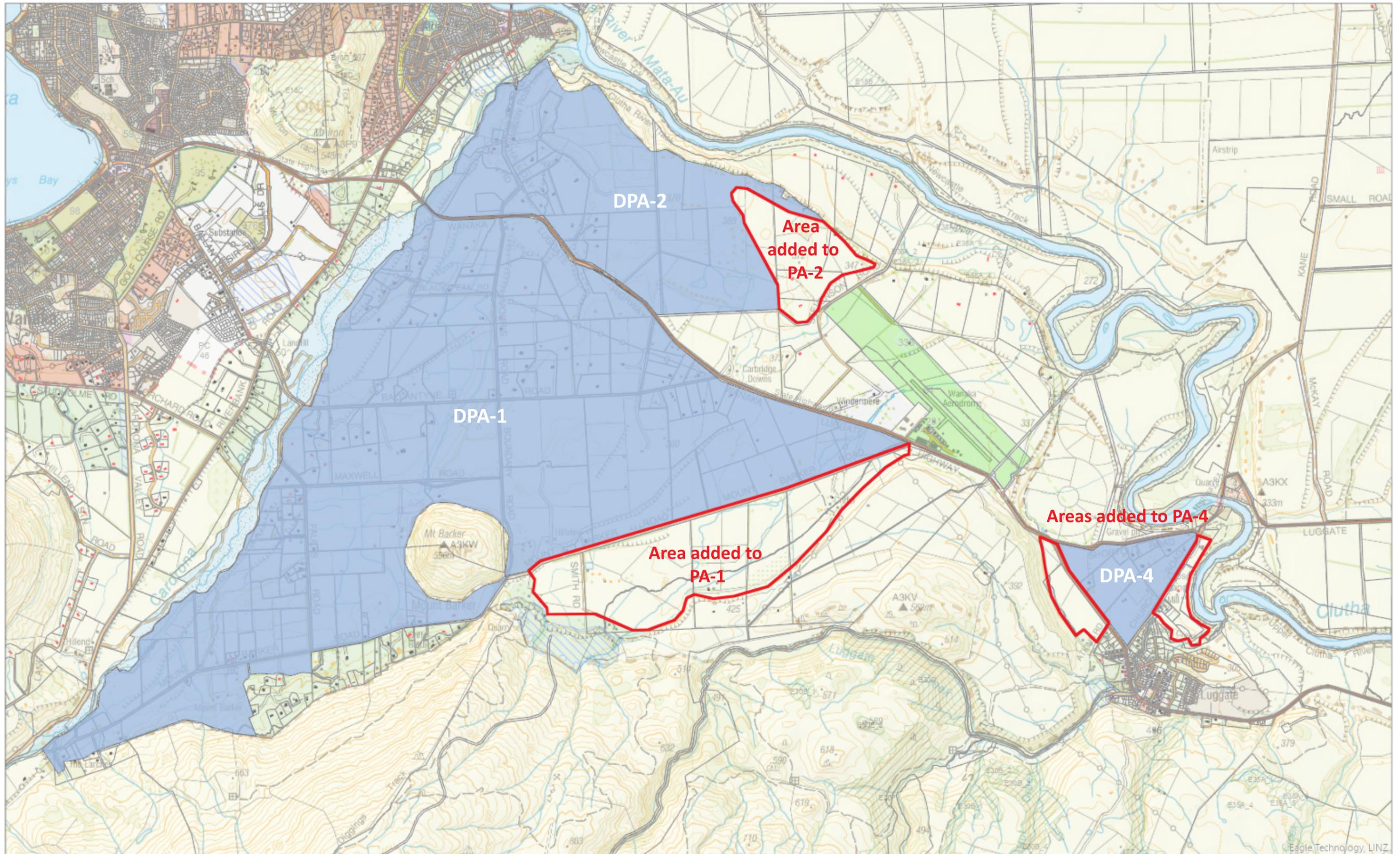


---

Bridget Gilbert

## APPENDIX A

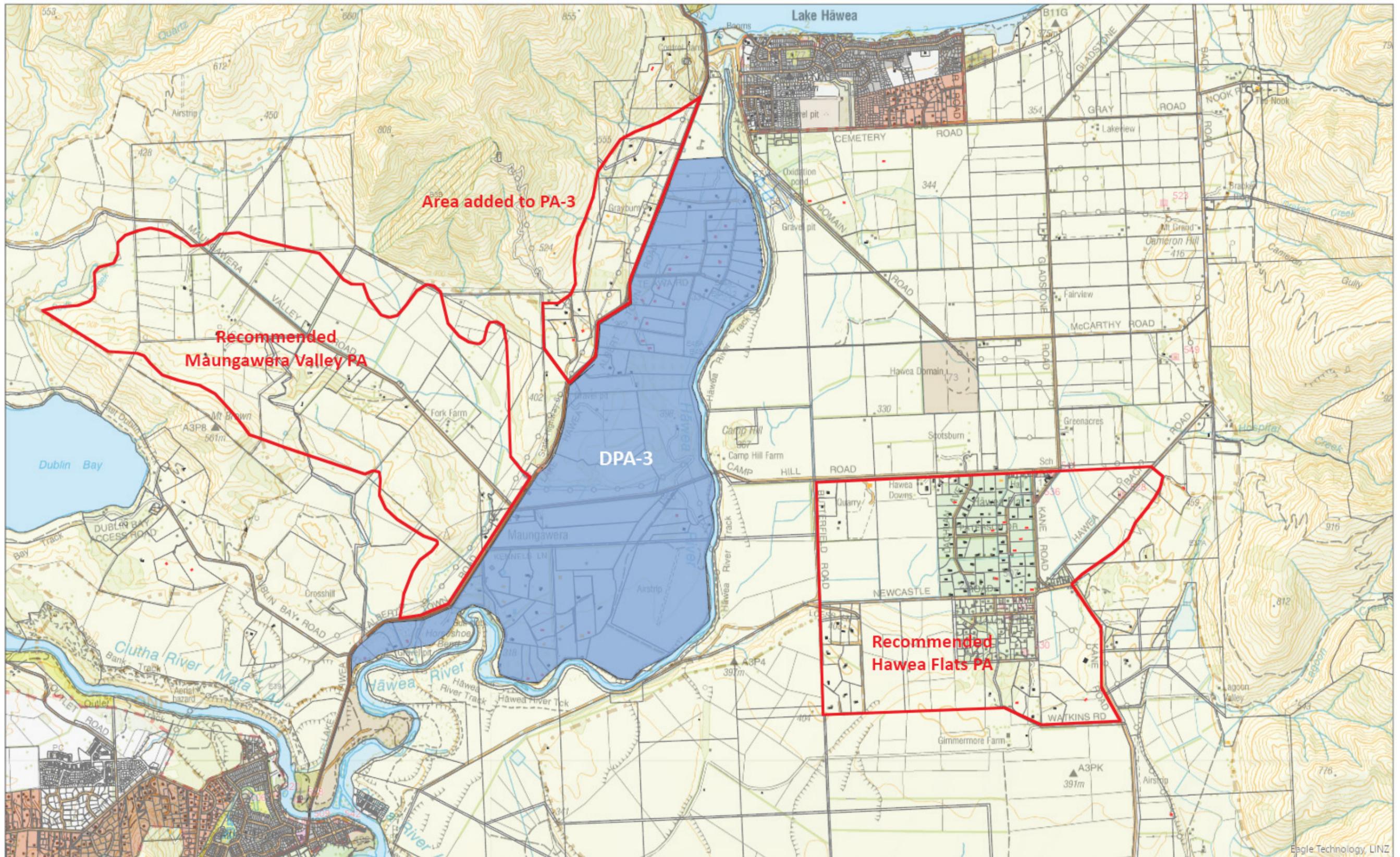
Recommended changes to Upper Clutha RCL priority areas agreed at expert landscape conferencing 08/10/20



The information provided on this map is intended to be general information only. While considerable effort has been made to ensure that the information provided on this map is accurate, current and otherwise adequate in all respects, Queenstown Lakes District Council does not accept any responsibility for content and shall not be responsible for, and excludes all liability, with relation to any claims whatsoever arising from the use of this map and data held within.



# Recommended changes to Upper Clutha RCL priority areas agreed at expert landscape conferencing 08/10/20



The information provided on this map is intended to be general information only. While considerable effort has been made to ensure that the information provided on this map is accurate, current and otherwise adequate in all respects, Queenstown Lakes District Council does not accept any responsibility for content and shall not be responsible for, and excludes all liability, with relation to any claims whatsoever arising from the use of this map and data held within.