

QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN - STAGE 1
Amended Summary of Decisions Requested for two submissions seeking relief associated
with land at Arthurs Point

MINUTE OF COMMISSIONERS
20 January 2023

1. The Queenstown Lakes District Council (Council) has appointed a Hearing Panel, which comprises Independent Commissioners Jane Taylor and Ian Munro (the Commission), to hear all submissions and make recommendations on the Plan Change, after it has heard the submissions, as to whether to accept or reject the submissions received and any amendments to the provisions of the Plan Change.
2. The Council is then required to decide whether to accept or reject the Hearing Panel recommendations.
3. On 20 January 2023 the Commission received a Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of Gertrude's Saddlery Limited and Larchmont Enterprises Limited dated 19 January 2023 seeking to excuse certain expert witnesses, Dr Reece Hill and Mr Paul Faulkner, from attendance at the hearing scheduled for 1st to 3rd February 2023, on the basis that there appears to be consensus on the matters within the expertise of these particular witnesses with respect to Highly Productive Land, geotechnical risks and natural hazards relevant to the site.
4. On 20 January 2023 the Commission also received a Memorandum of Council dated 19 January 2023 requesting that its geotechnical expert, Mr Richard Bond, be excused from attendance at the hearing on the basis that geotechnical risks and natural hazards are not considered to be at issue, and that no contradictory evidence has been filed.
5. We note that no further submitters have called evidence in relation to either Highly Productive Land or geotechnical risk and natural hazards.
6. We accept that granting the directions sought by both parties would contribute to an efficient hearing process and minimise the costs to each party.

Directions

7. Having considered matters raised in the Memoranda, we make the following directions:
 - (a) Mr Faulkner and Dr Hill for the Submitters are excused from attendance at the hearing and their evidence will be taken as read;
 - (b) Mr Bond for the Council is excused from attendance at the hearing and his evidence will be taken as read;
 - (c) In the instance that questions do arise in the course of the hearing for Mr Faulkner, Dr Hill or Mr Bond, the respective parties will call those experts to present at the hearing by telephone.
8. We are aware that there may be other issues in relation to which the parties (which includes the further submitters) consider consensus has been reached and/or there are no issues remaining in contention. To ensure an efficient and cost effective process, we accordingly invite all parties to advise which further experts we could look to excuse (if any) by 4 pm on Tuesday 24th January 2023. Sufficient reasons must be given, and any decision to excuse expert witnesses remains at the discretion of the Commission.

9. Should any party have any queries in relation to these directions or require any clarification in relation to the process for this hearing, please contact the Hearings Administrator at dp.hearings@qldc.govt.nz.



Jane Taylor

For the Commission

20 January 2023