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Dear Dan,

RE: PROPOSED PARTIAL STOPPING OF ROAD AT MOONEY ROAD, QUEENSTOWN

Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa Outdoor Access Commission (the Commission) is the government entity mandated to lead and support the negotiation, establishment, maintenance, and improvement of walking access and types of access that may be associated with walking access, such as access with firearms, dogs, bicycles, or motor vehicles.

An important aspect of our work is protecting existing legal public access – including unformed legal roads (ULRs). In this work we routinely provide public access assessments to roading authorities who are considering applications or requests for road stoppings.

During our regular monitoring of council communications around the country we came across this notice of a road stopping. We had already discussed this road stopping case at your office along with other road stoppings. Although we knew about this case, we invite Queenstown Lakes District Council to continue to contact us prior to any future road stopping proposals – small or more substantial, to enable council to effectively manage the risk of road stopping objections being raised through the public notification process.

Given that there are no obvious public access interests in this partial road stopping – i.e., the unformed legal road considered for stopping is legal road but is a dead-end, and doesn't connect to public land, conservation areas, public walking trails, the coast, waterways or other scenic or recreation areas - the Commission has no objection to the proposed road stopping and sees no need to be further involved in the process.

As the section of road proposed to be stopped is in a rural area (ref QLDC District Plan zoning), prior consent of the Minister of Lands must be obtained – see Local Government Act 1974, section 342 (1)(a). We seek confirmation from QLDC on whether this prior consent requirement has been fulfilled.

Yours sincerely



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