

## Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan: Te Pūtahi Ladies Mile Plan Variation

### Comment on amended Policy 27.3.24.7

1. At the Kāi Tahu hearing appearance on 12 December 2023, the Chair of the Independent Hearing Panel provided the opportunity for subsequent comment from myself as a Kāi Tahu witness on the latest version of Policy 27.3.24.7, as amended during the hearing week commencing 4 December.<sup>1</sup>
2. The context for this opportunity was the Kāi Tahu request for a more aspirational approach towards wai Māori (fresh water) within the wider Waiwhakaata (Lake Hayes) catchment.
3. In responding to this opportunity, I have considered in particular:
  - a. The Te Mana o te Wai concept within the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM);
  - b. NPS-FM Objective 2.1, Policies 1, 3, 5 and 13, and clause 3.5(4); and
  - c. LF-WAI-O1, LF-WAI-P1–P4 and LF-VM-O2 in the proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement 2021.
4. My suggested drafting of Policy 27.3.24.7 is provided below, with amendments in red. I have followed other ‘aspirational’ policies in the same suite,<sup>2</sup> by using the ‘Require subdivision to...’ style of drafting. I consider this drafting provides a more aspirational approach to fresh water management, in line with higher order policy documents.

27.3.24.7 Require subdivision design to sustain and enhance the mauri and health of fresh water and avoid the adverse effects of stormwater on Waiwhakaata Lake Hayes by requiring:

- (a) An integrated stormwater management system for the entirety of the TPLM Zone north of State Highway 6 and the contributing Slope Hill catchment; and
- (b) Soakage to ground of runoff generated by the 1% AEP event for development in the TPLM Zone north of State Highway 6; and
- (c) For the contributing Slope Hill catchment requiring soakage to ground of runoff generated by the 1% AEP event or as close as possible to the 1% AEP event; and
- (d) Requiring the design of stormwater management systems to avoid stormwater discharges (other than co-ordinated overland flow) to Waiwhakaata Lake Hayes.

5. I am happy to respond to any further enquiries from the Panel.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer Te Pūtahi Ladies Mile Hearing Minute 12 December 2023

<sup>2</sup> For example, policies 27.3.4.1 and 27.3.23.4