

## Commissioner Biographies

### **Jan Caunter (Papamoa)**

Chair

Jan has been a hearing commissioner on 25 hearings for QLDC. She is a well-known and respected hearing commissioner for the Council. Jan has extensive experience in resource management and law nationwide. Prior to creating her own business Jan Caunter Ltd, her previous position was that of Environmental Counsel for Gallaway Cook Allan in Wanaka. Jan is a hearing commissioner for a number of Councils around NZ. In her role as a commissioner, she has sat alone or on panels of 2-4 commissioners. She has also been appointed by Environment Court Judge Newhook to sit on 3 Covid-19 Fast Track consenting panels, one of which was for Silverlight Studios in Wanaka.

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### **Jane Taylor (Queenstown)**

Jane was appointed as an Independent Hearings Commissioner for QLDC in 2006. To date she has chaired or been on the panel of in excess of 90-100 hearings in the District. These have included for resource consent applications, Notices of Requirement for designations, and Plan Changes. Jane is a well-known and respected hearing commissioner in the district. She has an extensive working knowledge of the Resource Management Act 1991 and the QLDC District Plan.

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### **Ken Fletcher (Oxford)**

Ken has 22 years' experience as an economist prior to his 5-year term sitting on the Environment Court as a Commissioner. He has also worked at the Māori Land Court. While an Environment Court Commissioner he sat on the bench for cases involving QLDC and CODC. Since 2013 he has been an independent mediator and RMA hearing commissioner in the Canterbury area and has sat as a hearing commissioner on a number of panels.

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### **Lee Beattie (Auckland)**

Dr Beattie has been a hearing commissioner for QLDC since November 2016. He has sat on a number of resource consent hearing panels, including as Chair. In the last year he has acted in the role of decision maker on non-notified resource consent applications for QLDC, a role he also undertakes for Auckland Council. He is a well-known and well-respected hearing commissioner both here and in Auckland. He is a planner and urban designer with over 24 years' experience in an extensive range of complex urban planning and design matters. He is currently also the Head of the University of Auckland's School of Architecture and Planning, and director of the University's Urban Design programme.

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