

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

ENV-2018-CHC-078

**IN THE MATTER** of an appeal under to the  
Environment Court against  
decisions on the proposed  
Queenstown Lakes District Council  
District Plan (stage 1)

**BETWEEN** **DEPARTMENT OF  
CONSERVATION**

**Appellant**

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

**Respondent**

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**SECTION 274 NOTICE: THE ALPINE GROUP LIMITED**

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To: The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Christchurch

1. The Alpine Group Limited (“the Applicant”) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
  - (a) *Department of Conservation v Queenstown Lakes District Council* [ENV-2018-CHC-078]
2. The Applicant is a person who made a submission about the subject matter of the proceeding (OS 315) and has an interest in the proceedings greater than the public generally. The Applicant has a range of business interests including Minaret Station, Minaret Lodge and Alpine Helicopters, it therefore has an interest in the proceeding to the extent that it may affect these operations.
3. The Applicant is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. The Applicant is interested in the whole of the appeal which is subject to this proceeding.
5. The Applicant opposes the relief sought because:
  - (a) The Applicant owns and operates Minaret Station. The proposed relief seeks to reduce the importance of farming within the District. The Applicant considers that the proposed relief will result in the inefficient use of its land and compromise the ability of farming to continue to operate efficiently.
  - (b) The relief seeks to introduce restrictions on clearing indigenous biodiversity and enhancing the survival chance of rare or vulnerable species of indigenous biodiversity which may result in the prevention of farming activities and inefficient use of land within the Rural Zone.

- (c) The Proposed District Plan Stage 1 Decisions Version provided workable framework for managing clearance of indigenous vegetation. The thresholds in the notified version were impractical to apply. The Decisions version is preferred.
6. The Applicant agrees to participate in mediation or alternative dispute resolution.



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