

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource  
Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of the Queenstown Lakes  
Proposed District Plan

**MINUTE CONCERNING OTAGO**  
**PROPOSED REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT**

1. The Otago Regional Council ('ORC') has made its decisions on submissions on the Proposed Regional Policy Statement (PRPS) and produced a Decisions Version which is available on the ORC website. We understand the appeal period will end in mid-November.
2. Under section 74(2) of the Act, the Council is required to have regard to the PRPS. The purpose of this Minute is to give guidance as to how the Hearing Panel will give consideration to the PRPS in making its recommendations to the Council on submissions, given that the Decisions Version differs from the notified version, and the lodgement of any appeals may leave parts challenged and other parts beyond challenge.
3. To date the Hearing Panel has heard submissions and evidence referring to the PRPS in its notified form. From now on, we expect the Council and submitters to refer to the Decisions Version of the PRPS (to the extent that they need to).
4. We anticipate that once the ORC has identified how the PRPS is affected by appeals, we will provide the opportunity for the Council and those submitters who have already appeared before us to lodge written submissions on the implications of the revised PRPS for the PDP, with reference to their submissions, to extent that it is relevant.
5. For those submitters appearing in the Hearing Streams heard between now and the ORC identifying the portions of the PRPS affected by appeals, that opportunity will be limited to a consideration of the implications, if any, of the appeals that have been lodged in respect of the submissions and evidence they presented at those hearings. We expect this will at least cover the upcoming Residential, Designations, and Business Hearing Streams.
6. For those Hearing Streams that have been heard before now, the opportunity provided will likely be broader, enabling the Council and submitters to address the

implications of the PRPS Decisions Version on the submissions and evidence heard, taking account of the appeals lodged.

For the Hearing Panel

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Denis Nugent (Chair)

7 October 2016