

File: RM25.206 and RM25.177

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**Via Email:** David.Allen@buddlefindlay.com; Matthew.Dicken@buddlefindlay.com and mike.theelen@qldc.govt.nz

Dear David and Mathew,

**Request for Direct Referral to the Environment Court**

Thank you for your letter dated 27 June 2025 requesting that the applications for resource consent RM25.206 and RM25.177 be directly referred to the Environment Court under section 87D of the Resource Management Act (RMA).

We confirm that the Otago Regional Council (ORC) **grants** the request for direct referral of those applications.

We note that Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) has agreed to provide further information requested under section 92A(1)(b) of the RMA, and that an updated date of 11 August has been set for its provision under section 92A(2)(a).

Public notification of the applications will proceed once the outstanding information has been received and assessed. This approach ensures that the notification process is based on complete and accurate information, consistent with the requirements of the RMA.

We also confirm that:

1. ORC will continue to process the applications in accordance with section 87F(2).
2. The section 92 process continues to apply, and time has stopped under sections 88B and 88C.
3. ORC will publicly notify the applications as requested by QLDC, following receipt of the requested information.
4. ORC will prepare its report under 87F(3) within 20 working days after the close of submissions.

This letter and your request for the referral will be uploaded to our Shotover webpage.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Yours sincerely,



Joanna Gilroy  
**General Manager Environmental Delivery**