

Cold Gold Clutha Limited

Introduction

- [1] We have received a Memorandum from submitter Duncan Kenderdine dated 16 October 2023.
- [2] Mr Kenderdine refers to the applicant's Memorandum of Counsel dated 10 October 2023 regarding the provision of an expert Landscape Assessment. He seeks that *"the Applicant's request is denied, due to the significant flaws in the process, or the hearing is postponed until due time for the assessment, publication, submission and review is available before the hearing."*
- [3] We understand that in response to our Minute 2 the applicant has elected to retain an independent landscape and visual effects expert and provide (either by way of a standalone report or a brief of evidence) that expert's assessment of the effects of the applicant's proposal on landscape character and visual amenity.
- [4] The three consent authorities (Queenstown Lakes District Council, Central Otago District Council and Otago Regional Council) have indicated that they will have the applicant's assessment peer reviewed. That is normal for technical reports provided by consent applicants. We have asked the two Section 42A Report authors to thereafter produce Section 42A Addendum Reports reassessing landscape character and visual amenity effects from a planning perspective.
- [5] The applicant's assessment, the peer review, and the Section 42A Addendum's will all be posted on the ORC webpage as soon as they are provided to the Hearings Administrator.
- [6] We have asked that the above process be completed prior to the hearing.
- [7] If any of the above assessments or reports are not publicly available a reasonable time prior to Friday 3 November 2023 (the due date for submitter expert evidence), then we will grant leave for any submitter who wishes to provide expert landscape and visual effects evidence to provide that evidence to the Hearing Administrator on or before Monday 13 November 2023.
- [8] We appreciate this is not ideal, but note that the above landscape and visual effects assessment process arose out of the QLDC/CODC Section 42A Report author's suggestion that we (the Panel) may wish to obtain a landscape and visual effects assessment.



Rob van Voorthuysen
Hearings Commissioner on behalf of the Hearing Panel
17 October 2023