BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED ON BEHALF OF THE OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL, CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL and QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL

Under The Resource Management Act 1991 (the **Act**)

In the Matter Application for Resource Consent to undertake Gold Dredging

Between COLD GOLD CLUTHA LIMITED

Applicant

AND OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL (RM22.434)

Regional Council

QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL (RM220834) AND CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL (RC220255)

District Councils

MEMORANDUM OF SUBMITTER REGARDING APPLICANTS LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT MEMORANDUM

DATED 16 OCTOBER 2023

MEMORANDUM OF SUBMITTER

May it please the Commissioners:

- 1. I refer to Minute 2 dated 4th October 2023 and Memorandum of Counsel on behalf of Applicant dated 10 October 2023 regarding the provision of expert Landscape Assessment.
- 2. As I understand it the Applicant is, notwithstanding their original application was in May 2021, asking the hearings panel to wait for some unknown period before seeking their own expert Landscape assessment as suggested in the s42A report.
- 3. I submit that this whole request is prejudicial to the reasonable process of the application and assessment of a consent that submitters such as myself should be able to rely on. My own and other submissions reflected the Outstanding Natural Feature classification of the Clutha Mata-Au. I respectfully submit that given those submissions were in June 2023, waiting until a matter of days before the hearing, if in fact it is provided before the hearing, to provide information that should have been provided in the original application, is at best, an abuse of process.
- 4. I request that the Applicants 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.

Dated 16 October 2023

Duncan Kenderdine

Submitter