

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HEARING OF RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION BY THE QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTE #2 OF THE HEARING COMMISSIONERS

Introduction

1. The hearing for the application lodged by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (**the Applicant**) to discharge untreated wastewater to various receiving environments via overflows from wastewater infrastructure throughout the Queenstown Lakes district is set down to commence at 9 am on Monday 4 November 2019. We previously issued Minute #1 regarding preparation of evidence and presentations at the hearing.
2. We have received the report prepared by officers of the Otago Regional Council (**ORC**) under section 42A of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**). We have also received the Applicant's briefs of evidence.

Order of Business

3. The function of this Minute is to advise the parties that we are altering the 'normal' order of business for this hearing¹. As outlined in Minute #1, the normal sequence of presentations involves the Applicant presenting its case, the submitters then present their case/submission, then the reporting officers are given an opportunity to respond to matters raised in evidence during the hearing. Finally, the Applicant is given the opportunity to deliver its Right of Reply.
4. For this hearing we will follow this same order except that we will be asking the reporting officers some preliminary questions before the Applicant presents its case. These questions will relate to the key issues highlighted in their section 42A RMA report and the reasons behind their recommendation. Nothing should be read into our decision to slightly alter the 'normal' order of business – we consider getting answers to these preliminary questions will provide us with important contextual information relevant to the evidence we expect to hear from the Applicant and submitters during the hearing.
5. The reporting officers will still be given the opportunity to speak to their section 42A RMA report after the submitters present their cases. It will also be at that time the reporting officers will answer any other questions we may have of them.
6. In summary, the order of business for the hearing will be as follows:
 - I. Opening and introductions;
 - II. Hearings panel preliminary questions of the reporting officers;
 - III. Applicant presents its case;
 - IV. Submitters present their cases;
 - V. Reporting officers respond to matters raised in evidence during the hearing; speak to their section 42A RMA report, and answer any other questions we may have;
 - VI. Applicant's Right of Reply (Per Minute #1: This may either be orally or in writing and we will discuss this on the final day of the hearing).

¹ There is no set order of business for hearings prescribed in the RMA or regulations. Section 39(1) of the RMA requires us to establish a hearing procedure that is appropriate and fair in the circumstances and section 41C(1)(a) of the RMA allows us to direct the order of business at the hearing, including the order in which evidence and submissions are presented.

7. If any party wishes to seek further clarification in relation to this Minute or the hearing process please contact Ms Kayla Mahon of the ORC in the first instance, email: kayla.mahon@orc.govt.nz or phone 0800 474 082.

DATED 21 October 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Loeffering', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Rob Loeffering
On behalf of the Commissioners