

**In the Environment Court of New Zealand
Christchurch Registry**

**I Te Kōti Taiao O Aotearoa
Ōtautahi Rohe**

ENV-2024-CHC-30

Under of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

In the matter of an appeal under cl 14 of the RMA

Between **Cain Whānau**

Appellant

And **Otago Regional Council**

Respondent

**Notice of wish to be a party to an appeal on
behalf of Queenstown Lakes District Council**

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Notice of person's wish to be party to proceedings

To: The Registrar of the Environment Court at Christchurch

And to: The Respondent

Name of Person who wishes to be a Party

1 Queenstown Lakes District Council (**Council**) wishes to be a party to the following proceeding:

(a) An appeal by Cain Whānau (**Appellant**) (ENV-2024-CHC-30) against the decision of Otago Regional Council on the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement (**pORPS**).

2 The Council is a local authority.

Trade Competition

3 The Council is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).

The Proceeding

4 The Council is interested in all of the proceeding.

Particular Issues and reasons

5 The Council opposes all of the relief sought in the Appellant's appeal. In particular, the Council opposes the relief sought in relation to:

(a) Mana whenua provisions (including definitions);

(b) Provisions that prioritise the Mana whenua provisions over other provisions in the PORPS, including landscape, natural hazards, and significant natural areas; and

(c) NFL-P1.

6 The Council opposes the above relief sought on the basis that it is not consistent with Part 2 of the RMA and does not represent best resource management practices. Further, the relief goes too far at prioritising the management of Māori land above other important resource management issues including landscape and natural hazards.

7 More broadly, the Council is responsible for the preparation of a District Plan for the Queenstown Lakes District that gives effect to the pORPS. The Council has recently reviewed its District Plan and this process is ongoing.

- 8 Accordingly, the Council opposes the relief sought in the appeal and remains interested in the final form of the appealed provisions to ensure that there are no inappropriate outcomes that will limit the Council's ability to properly manage the use, development, or protection of natural and physical resources in its district through the District Plan.

Dispute Resolution

- 9 The Council agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceeding.

Date: 7 June 2024



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