

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

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

ENV-2024-CHC-40

Under of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)
In the matter of an appeal under cl 14 of the RMA

Between **Queenstown Airport Corporation Limited**
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 Queenstown Airport Corporation Limited (**Appellant**) (ENV-2024-CHC-40) 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 the entire appeal except for the parts relating to AIR.

Particular Issues and reasons

- 5 The Council opposes the relief sought in relation to the EIT- INF provisions. It is concerned the amendments sought by the Appellant are unjustified and would result in significant consequences for development of the surrounding area. The proposed Queenstown Lakes District Plan already has an Air Noise Boundary which provides reverse sensitivity protection to the airport. The amendments proposed by the Appellant would unduly constrain the development of the land adjacent to Queenstown Airport, which is of strategic importance for the District.
- 6 More broadly, the Council is interested in this appeal, given it 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.
- 7 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

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

Date: 7 June 2024



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