

Before Queenstown Lakes District Council

In the matter of The Resource Management Act 1991

And A requested change to the Mount Cardrona Station Special
Zone of the Queenstown lakes District Council's Operative
District Plan – **Plan Change 52**

SUMMARY EVIDENCE OF BENJAMIN ESPIE FOR

Mt Cardrona Station Limited

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INTRODUCTION AND QUALIFICATIONS

- 1 My full name is Benjamin Espie.
- 2 I reside in Queenstown. I hold the qualifications of Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (with honours) from Lincoln University and Bachelor of Arts from Canterbury University. I am a member of the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects and was the chairman of the Southern Branch of the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects between 2007 and 2015. I am also a member of the Resource Management Law Association. Since November 2004 I have been a director of Vivian and Espie Limited, a specialist resource management and landscape planning consultancy based in Queenstown. Between March 2001 and November 2004 I was employed as Principal of Landscape Architecture by Civic Corporation Limited, a resource management consultancy company contracted to the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC).
- 3 I have complied with the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses contained in the Environment Court Consolidated Practice Note 2014. My evidence dated 26 June 2017 is within my area of expertise, except where I state that I am relying on another person, and I have not omitted to consider any material facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions I express.

SUMMARY EVIDENCE

- 4 I refer to and adopt my evidence for this hearing dated 26 June 2017 (**Evidence in Chief**) and my Landscape Assessment Report with appendices (**Landscape Report**) dated 30 November 2016 in respect of requested Plan Change 52.
- 5 My Evidence in Chief details the following matters:
 - (a) A summary of my landscape opinions regarding the Plan Change 52 proposal;
 - (b) A response to public submissions lodged in respect of Plan Change 52;
 - (c) A summary of, and response to, the report prepared by Mr Compten-Mohen in respect of landscape issues.
- 6 I am happy to answer any questions the Panel has regarding my Evidence and my Landscape report.

Dated this 11th day of July 2017