

**BEFORE THE QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act  
1991

AND

IN THE MATTER OF Queenstown Lakes Proposed  
District Plan – Upper Clutha  
Mapping

**STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF LESLEY BURDON**

4 April 2017

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. My name is Lesley Burdon. My husband and I own Lot 1 DP 396356, Lake Hawea ('the Land') which is the subject of the submission. The Land is 38ha in area and is a long narrow piece of land bordered by Lake Hawea to the east and State Highway 6 (Lake Hawea – Makarora Road) to the west. Lake Hawea Dam is approximately 2 km from the Land.
2. I have lived in the district for 54 years. I am a retired farmer and I was a registered Nurse. I was an elected member of the Otago Area Health Board between 1989 and 1991. I am a past member of Federated Farmers. In 1995 and 1996 I was a member of the Rabbit and Land Management Committee. Between 1992 -1998 I was an elected member of QLDC, during that time I was a committee member of the District Plan Hearing Panel

## **HAWEA**

3. I have a strong affinity to the Land and quickly grew to love the beauty of the area and especially our Land.
4. There is a limited supply of lake frontage land suitable for housing development in the Hawea area. We consider our Land is an area that is suitable to the development we are requesting from you. The attraction of living in this area is obvious.
5. We would like our Land to be rezoned "Rural Lifestyle" through the district plan as it would give us and our family a longer term certainty that some carefully considered development is possible.
6. From a planning perspective we consider the effect of our proposal would be a sustainable development which would produce outcomes and benefits for the Land. We consider that it is a minor extension of the existing built environment in Hawea.

7. The actual square meterage of the 5 houses is very small considering the amount of land involved.
8. Our application for a zone change is consistent with good planning philosophy. A u- shaped zone for limited housing on the west side of the township, towards the Glen Dene Homestead along to the Lake Hawea Holiday Park would be suitable for a Rural lifestyle zone. On the east side of the Lake there is already modification and housing as far as Johns Creek. This u- shape would make a suitable boundary for the limited housing to be contained within the suggested u-shape.
9. The planned houses would not be seen from the road .with careful and well chosen planting and suitable landscaping design. I consider the Land would have the potential to greatly enhance the area.
10. I have created a garden at our house with some native and exotic plants from which we have received many compliments. Our garden has been visited by many people as we have had open days as a community fund raiser.
11. We operate a successful B &B so we have been able to share our home with visitors who have been extremely complimentary about our setting and surrounds.

## **CONCLUSION**

12. Having other houses on our Land for our daughters and grandchildren would help us to manage the Land as we get older.
13. I respectfully ask that you consider our application in its entirety favourably as we need your support for this to happen

Lesley Burdon