

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource
Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of the Queenstown Lakes
Proposed District Plan

FIFTH PROCEDURAL MINUTE -
Submissions concerning Significant Natural Areas

1. As a result of a request made by counsel for Allenby Farms Limited on 18 April last, the Hearing Panel Chair determined that submissions seeking to alter the boundaries of Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) as shown on the Planning Maps should be heard as part of the hearings on map changes, likely to be heard in 2017.
2. This determination applies generally and the purpose of this Minute is to advise all submitters intending to produce evidence in Hearing Stream 2 – Rural that it is unnecessary to produce evidence in relation to amending boundaries of SNAs. Those aspects of the submissions will be deferred until the relevant mapping hearings.
3. Submitters should note that if a submission seeks to delete an SNA completely, that will be heard in Hearing Stream 2 as that will involve changes to the text in Chapter 33 as well as the ancillary changes to the Planning Maps.
4. We note that where submissions seek amendments to the boundaries of SNAs, it would assist the Hearing Panel if the scientific experts representing the Council and the relevant submitters could meet and attempt to reach agreement on the extent and value of the relevant SNAs. If agreement cannot be reached, the hearings can then focus on the differences between those experts.

For the Hearing Panel



Denis Nugent (Chair)

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