

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

ENV-2018-CHC-56

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under to the
Environment Court against
decisions on the proposed
Queenstown Lakes District Council
District Plan (stage 1)

BETWEEN **UPPER CLUTHA
ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY**

Appellant

AND **QUEENSTOWN LAKES
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Respondent

SECTION 274 NOTICE: THE ALPINE GROUP LIMITED

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To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

1. The Alpine Group Limited (“the Applicant”) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - (a) *Upper Clutha Environmental Society v Queenstown Lakes District Council* [ENV-2018-CHC-56]
2. The Applicant is a person who made a submission about the subject matter of the proceeding (OS 315) and has an interest in the proceedings greater than the public generally. The Applicant has a range of business interests including Minaret Station, Minaret Lodge and Alpine Helicopters, it therefore has an interest in the proceeding to the extent that it may affect this operations.
3. The Applicant is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. The Applicant is interested in the whole of the appeal which is subject to this proceeding.
5. The Applicant opposes the relief sought because:
 - (a) The Applicant owns and operates Minaret Station and the proposed relief seeks to reduce the importance of farming within the District. The Applicant considers that imposing further restrictions on the types of activities that can occur within outstanding natural landscapes will result in the inefficient use of its land.
 - (b) It is inappropriate to classify all development and/or within outstanding natural landscapes and outstanding natural features as non-complying as that imposes a significant burden on activities where environmental benefits can be achieved.

- (c) It is inappropriate to rollover many of the objectives, policies and assessment matters in the Operative District Plan because the Proposed District Plan Stage 1 was formed after a significant consultation and review process.
6. The Applicant agrees to participate in mediation or alternative dispute resolution.



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