

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

ENV-2018-CHC-096

**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**

**ANDREW FAIRFAX AND  
OTHERS**

**Appellant**

**AND**

**QUEENSTOWN LAKES  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Respondent**

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**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) *Andrew Fairfax and others v Queenstown Lakes District Council*  
[ENV-2018-CHC-096]
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 these 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 supports the relief sought because:
  - (a) The Applicant operates a helicopter business and utilises helicopters as part of its farming and tourism operations at Minaret Station. The Applicant seeks to enable reasonable and efficient use of informal airports, which is considered necessary and appropriate within the District.
  - (b) Provisions for informal airports are appropriate because of the intermittent and transient nature of the effects.
  - (c) Helicopters are used widely within the District to support emergency operations and farming activities. Exemption of these activities needs to be clear and unequivocal.

- (d) The Applicant has an interest in maintaining reasonable access to existing locations and supports the clarification of the provisions so that they relate to new locations.
  - (e) Noise generated from informal airports is intermittent and transitory. Therefore higher noise levels are appropriate.
  - (f) Helicopters are used widely within the District to support emergency operations and farming activities. Exemption of these activities needs to be clear and unequivocal.
6. The Applicant agrees to participate in mediation or alternative dispute resolution.



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