

Appendix C: Project Methodology

The following methodology was adopted in the preparation of these preliminary comments:

- a. Preliminary visit to meet Council staff and briefly view the basin area.
- b. Background reading of Council reports and evidence, submitter evidence and Hearing Panel correspondence.
- c. Collation of GIS mapping material sourced from Queenstown Lakes District Council (Council) and other data sources where necessary; for example, structure plans for each of the Special Zones (see **Appendix F** for a full list of the GIS data sources relied on in the preparation of this report and their provenance).
- d. Desktop analysis to determine the 'rough' landscape character units throughout the basin landscape.
- e. Preparation of a rural landscape character unit survey worksheet to record field notes for each rural landscape character unit.
- f. Inception meeting to confirm the project scope and methodology.
- g. Field survey.
- h. Review of consented SHA plans and Special Zone Structure Plans.
- i. Preparation of draft Landscape Character Unit Worksheets and mapping, Rural Landscape Character Assessment and mapping.
- j. Preparation of comments in relation to existing urban growth limits and consented building platforms.
- k. Analysis of rural production activity trends in the study area and their significance to the district as a whole.
- l. Analysis of development capacity and growth projections for the study area and the Queenstown – Lakes district as a whole.
- m. Preparation of proposed planning approach (zonings, subdivision regime, minimum lot sizes).