

**Queenstown Lakes District Council**

**Variation to Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan: Te Pūtahi Ladies Mile**

**Hearing Panel Minute: Response to counsel for Anna Hutchinson Family Trust**

- 1.1 On 1 September 2023 counsel for the Anna Hutchinson Family Trust asked the Hearing Panel to "clarify its expectations regarding the engagement between experts throughout the Variation process and, if it is considered necessary or helpful, issue further or amended directions in accordance with paragraphs 16.1 and 16.2 of the Minute to resolve any uncertainty or ambiguity."
- 1.2 The Hearing Panel expects that experts engage constructively with their relevant counterparts in an efficient manner throughout the whole process with the intent to identify, narrow and resolve issues.
- 1.3 The exact timing of when such engagement occurs will vary with the circumstances. The Hearing Panel has directed expert conferencing (Directions 9.9-9.11) which it requires experts to complete. However, the Hearing Panel expects experts to meet, in line with 1.2 above, throughout the whole process, not just during conferencing.

David Allen, Gillian Crowcroft, Hoani Langsbury, Judith Makinson and Ian Munro.

Independent Hearing Commissioners

18 September 2023