

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)

In the matter of An appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Act

Between **Glendhu Bay Trustees Limited**  
Appellant

And **Queenstown Lakes District Council**  
Respondent

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**Notice of Airbnb Australia Pty Limited's wish to be a party to  
proceedings under section 274 of the Act**

Dated 31 May 2019

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**To:** The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Christchurch

- 1 Airbnb Australia Pty Limited (**'Airbnb'**) wishes to be a party to the Environment Court proceeding ENV-2018-CHC-081 between Glendhu Bay Trustees Limited (**'GBT'**) and Queenstown Lakes District Council in relation to Stage 2 of the Queenstown Lakes District Council Proposed District Plan (**'PDP'**).
- 2 Airbnb made a submission (dated 23 February 2018) and a further submission (dated 27 April 2018), and lodged an appeal on the PDP (dated 7 May 2019, ENV-2019-CHC-061).
- 3 Airbnb's services are used by providers of accommodation and paying guests in the Queenstown Lakes District. Airbnb is a trusted community marketplace for people to list, discover, and book unique accommodation and experiences around the world. As such, Airbnb has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has because it will be affected by the amendments sought in the appeal, if granted.
- 4 Airbnb is not a trade competitor for the purposes of sections 308C or 308CA of the Act.
- 5 Airbnb is interested part of the proceedings, being those aspects set out at paragraph 6 of this notice.
- 6 The particular issue that Airbnb is interested in is amendments sought to the standards for Residential Visitor Accommodation (**'RVA'**) and Homestays in the Rural zone, so that RVA and Homestay be permitted in that zone without restriction.
- 7 Airbnb supports (in part) the relief sought to the extent that it is consistent with the relief sought in Airbnb's appeal, for the following reasons:
  - a RVA and Homestay in the Rural zone should be a permitted activity;
  - b RVA should not be subject to more onerous permitted activity standards compared to some other, more dense zones.

8 Airbnb agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceeding.

**Dated** 31 May 2019



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