

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting Act) 2020

LP 17 Queenstown Arterials Project Consent Application and Notice of Requirement by Queenstown Lakes District Council

M-2 Minute of the Queenstown Arterials Project Expert Consenting Panel
– 12 February 2021

Requests for Information

1. Clause 25(1) of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act), an Expert Consenting Panel (the Panel) may, at any time before it issues its final decision on a consent application or notice of requirement, direct the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to request further information.
2. On **11 February 2021**, the Panel directed the EPA to request information from the applicant (Queenstown Lakes District Council) in accordance with clause 25(1)(a)(i) of Schedule 6 of the Act.
3. The EPA is to request that Queenstown Lakes District Council provides the 2019 Ryder Environmental report on the ecological assessment of Horne Creek, as referenced in Section 4.3 of "*Appendix 17 Aquatic Ecology Report*" of the application.
4. On **11 February 2021**, the Panel also directed that the EPA request information from the relevant local authorities (Queenstown Lakes District Council and Otago Regional Council).
5. The EPA is to request the following information from Queenstown Lakes District Council and Otago Regional Council:
 - The identification of any relevant provisions, in the Regional Policy Statement, District Plan and/or Regional Plan, that are not referenced in the Assessment of Environmental Effects that could usefully inform the drafting of conditions of consent or conditions for the notice of requirement;
 - Their views on the desirability and appropriateness of duplicating conditions in the consents and the notice of requirement (for example conditions dealing with erosion and sediment control, stormwater and stream works).
6. Clause 25(3) of Schedule 6 requires that the information requested, which must not be later than 10 working days after the direction from the panel to request the information is given. As such, all information requested is required to be provided to the EPA by **25 February 2021**, or the EPA must be advised, with reasons, as to why the parties decline to provide the information requested.



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