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Hearings Panel
Queenstown Lakes District Plan Review
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Attention: Hearings Panel, Chapters 3, 4 and 6 – Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan

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Hearing on Chapters 3, 4 and 6 of the Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan – 7 March 2016

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) made a submission and further submission on the Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan. NZDF's submission points, as relevant to this Stage 1B hearing, included:

- recognising the social, economic, environmental and cultural benefits of infrastructure;
- providing for regionally significant infrastructure; and
- protecting regionally significant infrastructure, including from reverse sensitivity effects.

The s 42A Report for this hearing recommends that a number of NZDF's further submission points be rejected. NZDF retains its support for the individual provisions listed in its submission regarding regionally significant infrastructure, in particular the following points:

1. Including 'defence facilities' in a new definition of 'regionally significant infrastructure'. Defence facilities are key strategic infrastructure of national and regional importance, playing a significant role in both military training and civil and/or national defence operations. While NZDF does not have facilities within the Queenstown Lakes District, it is important to provide for future facilities. Defence facilities provide important security and other services to districts and regions, including for example the deployment of water purification units in the aftermath of the Canterbury earthquakes. Therefore it is appropriate to include these facilities in the definition of Regionally Significant Infrastructure.

2. Provide for regionally significant infrastructure, including the continued operation, maintenance, and upgrading of this infrastructure; and recognising that some facilities are required to be situated at a particular location.
3. Protect regionally significant infrastructure from reverse sensitivity effects, including through defining reverse sensitivity in the Plan. Reverse sensitivity is a significant issue for NZDF facilities across the country. Considering the local, regional and national significance of NZDF infrastructure it is important to protect it from reverse sensitivity effects, through an appropriate objective and policy framework.

On the basis of the points set out above, and without prejudice, NZDF does not intend to attend the hearing to speak further to its submission. I would, however, like to reiterate NZDF's position on the above points and request they be appropriately considered by the Hearings Panel.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Owen". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Rob Owen
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