

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991  
AND of appeals pursuant to clause 14(1) of the  
First Schedule of the Act  
BETWEEN FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW  
ZEALAND  
(ENV-2018-CHC-053)  
and all other appellants concerning Topics  
18-23 of Stage 1 of the Proposed  
Queenstown Lakes District Plan Appellants  
AND QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT  
COUNCIL  
Respondent

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**MINUTE  
Re Mediations for Topics 18-23  
(19 August 2019)**

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**Introduction**

[1] Judge Hassan has advised that due to the complexities involved in Topic 2 and the timetable for closing submissions, a decision on Topic 2 will not be available prior to the mediations as currently scheduled that are dependent on having the Topic 2 matters settled, particularly the rural zone mediations scheduled for mid-October.

[2] This is a regrettable but unavoidable situation that necessitates a review of the mediation timetable for the remaining Topics in Stage 1 and some of those mediations having to be rescheduled into the early months of 2020.

[3] I have consulted with the Council on the most efficient way of dealing with this without disrupting the Stage 2 mediations scheduled to start in early 2020.

[4] Topic 22 (Jacks Point) is not dependent on Topic 2 to any significant extent, so has been brought forward into November. Topic 20 (Rural) is now set for early December, anticipating a Topic 2 decision in mid-November and allowing time for incorporating that



decision into position papers prior to the mediation. Topic 19 (Ski area subzones) is a subset of the rural provisions and is therefore scheduled following Topic 20. Rural Residential and Rural Lifestyle move to January 2020 and the rezoning appeals in Topic 23 will be completed in February-March 2020.

[5] An indicative timetable for Stage 2 mediations will be issued shortly and this will include Topics 24 and 25 scheduled for the week of 10 February 2020.

[6] The Court apologises for any inconvenience this may cause to parties.

**Directions**

[7] Accordingly, it is directed that that the timetable for mediations is amended as set out in Appendix 1.

[8] Leave is reserved for the parties to apply for further directions.

For the court



**I Buchanan**  
**Environment Commissioner**

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## Appendix 1

## Timetable Topics 18 - 23

TOPICS		DATES
<i>No change from previous schedule</i>		
21	Commercial airports	11-13 September 2019
<i>Amended schedule</i>		
22	Jacks Point (Chapter 41) (including rezonings plus two appeal points relating to ONL)	4-7 November 2019 11-14 November 2019
20	Rural (Chapter 21)	3-6 December 2019 10-13 December 2019
19	Ski Area Sub Zones (including rezonings)	16-19 December 2019
18	Rural Residential and Rural Lifestyle (Chapter 22)	27-30 January 2020
23	Rezoning appeals (Group 2) <i>Council will consult parties on the detailed timetable for individual appeals during November/ December 2019.</i>	18-21 February 2020 25-28 February 2020 3-5 March 2020 9-12 March 2020

