

## **Variation to the Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan**

### **Public Notice: Withdrawal of Inclusionary Housing Variation**

Date of public notice: 22 August 2024

Pursuant to Clause 8D of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), the Queenstown-Lakes District Council withdraws the Inclusionary Housing Variation to the Queenstown Lakes District Council Proposed District Plan (PDP).

The Variation would have required most new residential subdivisions and developments to provide an 'affordable housing financial contribution'. The contribution would be collected by Council and provided to the Queenstown Lakes Community Housing Trust (or another registered Community Housing Provider), providing them with an ongoing funding stream to deliver retained affordable housing targeted to residents on low to moderate incomes.

The Inclusionary Housing Variation was notified on 13 October 2022. A public hearing ran from 27 February to 7 March 2024 and a recommendation report was issued by an Independent Hearings Panel (IHP) on 5 June 2024. The IHP recommended that the Council withdraw the Variation.

The IHP's recommendation was considered by the Full Council at a meeting on Thursday 1 August 2024. The Council resolved to withdraw the Variation for the reasons generally expressed in the agenda report, namely that the IHP was not satisfied under section 32 of the RMA that the Variation was the most efficient and effective way of achieving its objectives, and its recommendation makes it impracticable to progress the Variation any further at this time.

The Queenstown Lakes District Council will update the Inclusionary Housing page on its website to reflect the withdrawal.

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