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To:

The Registrar,

Environment Court,

PO Box 2069,

Christchurch

We would like to be a s.274 party to the following proceedings:

An Appeal by Gertrudes Saddlery dated 5th August 2024 against a decision of the Queenstown Lakes District Council

The decision included ONLF and RCL Priority Area landscape schedules in the Proposed District Plan (PDP).

We also wish to be party to all other appeals in relation to the Priority Area landscape schedules in addition to the Gertrudes Saddlery appeal.

We oppose the relief sought by the appellant Gertrudes Saddlery in its entirety for the reasons set out in the decision of the Queenstown Lakes District Council.

We were previous submitters (no's 71 & 72) and supported QLDC's decision to incorporate the Landscape Schedules into the PDP.

We have lived in Arthurs Point for 8 years and we love the views and surrounding mountains. The values that attracted us to live here was the natural corridor the gorge and surrounding mountains gave us. It provides Arthurs Point with a remoteness and feeling of living in the mountains. Arthurs Point is nestled amongst these mountains giving you a sense of grounding in our natural environment every day. This cannot be eroded any further. It is unique in its environment and these values of not just the Shotover river and gorge but also the uninterrupted views looking up through the mountains must be prioritized and not undervalued. It is because of this that we believe Gertrude's Saddlery appeal be rejected.

21.22.3 36A We do not agree that the Shotover Jet and Queenstown Rafting operations should be included as an “Important archaeological and heritage feature”. It is a commercial operation and although it provides a gateway for paying customers to view the surrounding mountains and the Shotover River it is not a heritage feature. It is not heritage listed and cannot be viewed as such. This should be removed as a heritage feature.

The parcel of land rezoned LDSR Z to the NW part of Gertrudes Site was removed from priority areas in 2015. We feel this was a mistake as it:

- cannot be separated from the rural land above due to its topography, geography and location.
- Has a natural ridge which is highly visible and will have a detrimental impact on the surrounding ONF/L of the Shotover River, Western Whakatipu Basin, Queenstown Hill and Ferry Hill and Central Whakatipu Basin.
- is highly visible and viewed as part of all these areas due to its elevation.
- Its undulating and steep topography form part of the natural surrounding mountain landscape.
- Is integral to views through the Shotover Gorge in and from all directions.
- Is part of the natural corridor protecting the gorge and surrounding mountain views in all directions.
- due to its topography and elevation it should not be included in the urban growth area.

Relief Sort : This parcel of land needs to be included as a high value priority area and the ONL boundary reinstated.

Charlotte and Nathan Pringle