Otago Regional Council DIRECTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER Kingston Township Wastewater

Section 42A Report Delivery Date

[1] In response to a Memorandum from counsel for the Queenstown Lakes District Council (Applicant) dated 2 December 2021 paragraph 4(b) of Minute 1 is amended as follows:

A Section 42A Report¹ from ORC will be available on or before **Friday 17** <u>Tuesday 14</u> **December 2021**, allowing the Applicant and submitters to have regard to its contents when preparing their evidence. It would be extremely helpful to the Commissioner if the Applicant and submitters could indicate in their evidence if they agree or disagree (with reasons) with the Section 42A Report author's recommendations.

[2] All other directions and requests contained in Minute 1 continue to apply.

Hearing Dates

- [3] Counsel helpfully noted that the Applicant intends to call one witness of fact and three expert witnesses and there are only two submitters on the application. In the circumstances, and given that the evidence will be pre-circulated, counsel considered that only one day of hearing time would be required.
- [4] I agree that is the likely outcome so Thursday 27 January 2022 should be considered a 'reserve day' should it be required for some reason.

Rob van Voorthuysen Commissioner 3 December 2021

¹ A Section 42A Report includes a discussion of the application and the submissions. It recommends (with reasons) whether the consent applications should be granted or not. That recommendation does not bind the Commissioner.