

**DIRECTIONS OF THE COMMISSIONERS
Cold Gold Clutha Limited**

- [1] In her Section 42A Report prepared for the CODC and QLDC, Kirstyn Royce advised¹ that should the Panel require an expert Landscape Assessment, one could be commissioned at the Panel's direction and provided prior to the pre-circulation of applicant and submitter evidence.
- [2] Having read the application documents and Ms Royce's Section 42A Report we have concluded that the provision of a Landscape and Visual Effects assessment of the activities for which consent is sought would be of assistance to the Hearing Panel.
- [3] We therefore request the consent authorities to commission and provide such an assessment to the Hearing Panel and the hearing participants as soon as possible and preferably prior to Friday 20 October 2023. That will enable the applicant and submitters to address the assessment in their evidence.
- [4] We request that the assessment be undertaken in conformance with the NZILA guideline document titled "Te Tangi a te Manu Aotearoa New Zealand Landscape Assessment Guidelines". The assessment should include the dredge barge and the sediment plume created from the dredge spoil discharge.
- [5] In the event that the assessment cannot be circulated prior to Friday 20 October 2023 we grant leave for the applicant and submitters to provide supplementary evidence on landscape and visual effects matters after the evidence circulation dates specified in Minute 1, but no later than Wednesday 8 November 2023.



Rob van Voorthuysen
Hearings Commissioner
4 October 2023

¹ Paragraphs [90] and referred to in paragraphs [102], [229], [234], [242] and [247].