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Otago Regional Council (ORC) has received a request from the Expert Panel in its Minute 6 dated 18 December 2025 regarding water quality. Paragraph 12 and 13 of Minute 6 The Expert Panel states below:

*12. Lastly, we have noted suggestions in the comments received that the actions it has proposed to manage water quality in Mill Creek are required by existing consents. We request that Queenstown Lakes District Council confer with Otago Regional Council and jointly advise whether this is the case.*

And

*13. We request that Queenstown Lakes District Council (and Otago Regional Council in respect of the last matter) supply the information requested by noon on 16 January.*

#### Comments

ORC has conferred with Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) and has reviewed the QLDC's response also and agrees with this. Information on ORC consents held by the applicant can be found below.

#### Current ORC Resource Consents held by the applicant:

Table 1 below outlines the current ORC resource consents held by the applicant at its site (from the most recent to the oldest):

**Table 1: Current ORC Applications held by the applicant**

Consent Number	Consent Type	Comments on water quality related
RM25.489.01	Bore Construction Consent	Land use consent to construct a bore not related to surface water management
RM25.239.02	Discharge to Land Permit	Discharge permit related to earthworks for residential development. Conditions require discharges to meet specific limits
RM25.239.01	Earthworks Consent	Related to RM25.239.02 above this is a land use consent related to earthworks for residential development.

RM23.735.02	Surface Water Take Permit	Water permit to allow the taking of surface water while removing sediment with a suction dredge.
RM23.735.01	General/Structure Land Use Consent	Land use consent to disturb the bed of Mill Creek to remove sediment with a suction dredge. Activity seeks to remove sediment from 3 amenity ponds in Mill Creek which will improve water quality in the catchment.
RM23.276.03	Bore Construction Consent	Land use consent to construct bores for dewatering a construction site for a residential development.
RM23.276.02	Discharge to Land Permit	Discharge permit related to earthworks for residential development. Conditions require discharges to meet specific limits.
RM23.276.01	Earthworks Consent	Related to RM23.276.02-03 land use consent related to earthworks for residential development.
RM21.548.01	Groundwater Take Permit	Water permit to take groundwater non consumptively while undertaking works under RM18.088 suite of resource consents.
RM20.296.06	General/Structure Land Use Consent	Land use consent to drill over and aquifer for site development for a retirement village
RM20.296.05	General/Structure Land Use Consent	Land use consent to disturb the bed of an unnamed tributary of Mill Creek to place various structures for development of a retirement village
RM20.296.04	Divert Water Permit	Water permit to temporarily divert water for the purpose of instream works for site development of a retirement village.
RM20.296.03	Dam Water Permit	Water Permit to dam flows in an unnamed tributary of Mill Creek for the purpose of establishing amenity ponds for a retirement village.
RM20.296.02	Surface Water Take Permit	Water Permit to take and use surface water for the purpose of site development for a retirement village.
RM20.296.01	Earthworks Consent	Related to Land Use Consent to undertake residential earthworks for a retirement village.
RM18.426.03.V1	Divert Water Permit	Water Permit to divert flood flows.
RM18.088.05	Divert Water Permit	Water permit to divert Mill Creek while undertaking instream works.
RM18.088.04	Divert Water Permit	Water permit to divert flood flows via a defence against water.
RM18.088.03	General/Structure Land Use Consent	Land use consent to construct and maintain a defence against water. Not related to water quality management.
RM18.088.02	Dam Water Permit	Water Permit to dam water to create amenity ponds.

RM18.088.01	General/Structure Land Use Consent	Land use consent to disturb the bed of Mill Creek and install various structures.
RM12.113.01	Surface Water Take Permit	Water permit to take and use surface water for irrigation. Not related to water quality management.

Of the consents in Table 1 RM23.735.01-02 held by the applicant directly provides for the maintenance and enhancement of water quality. These consents authorise the periodic removal of accumulated sediment from three amenity ponds on the applicant's site. Undertaken over the term of consent, these activities will assist in the removal of contaminants from the Lake Hayes Catchment.

The remaining consents identified in Table 1 are either not related to managing water quality (for example land use consents for bore construction) or are related to development and construction activities on site. These consents include conditions to ensure adverse effects on water quality do not occur.

### Summary

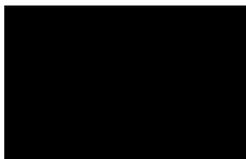
The Expert Panel has asked ORC and QLDC whether existing resource consents require water quality to be managed in Mill Creek.

This document outlines the current resource consents held by the applicant in relation to its site. While these consents do not require the Consent Holder to continuously manage water quality, any activities pursuant to the consents must comply with the associated conditions. Compliance with these conditions ensures water quality is appropriately managed, and adverse effects are avoided.

It should also be noted that the Regional Plan: Water for Otago includes permitted and prohibited rules that require water quality to be appropriately managed when activities are undertaken in or near watercourses throughout Otago.

Should the Expert Panel want copies of the above resource consents held by the applicant the ORC can provide these. The ORC is also happy to answer any clarifying questions they may have.

Regards,



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