

30 May 2023

Ms Penny Langley  
Chief Executive  
Mana Kāwanatanga ā Rohe/Local Government Commission  
PO Box 5362  
Wellington 6140

Dear / Tēnā koe Ms Langley

**RE: Reorganisation petition seeking a separate territorial authority for the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Ward of the Queenstown Lakes District**

In response to your communication of 28 March 2023 to which you appended a petition from a group of electors in the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Ward, I wish to advise that I have completed validation of the signatures.

There are 10,680 electors on the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Ward electoral roll. In order to meet the threshold as a valid petition, at least 10% of eligible voters must sign a petition. In this case, a minimum of 1,068 verified signatures were required.

The petition contained 1,822 signatures in total. I checked the names against the current electoral roll and discounted any if the name and/or address did not match the details on the petition. I allowed normally accepted nicknames for first names and validated 1241 signatures as being current voters in the ward.

The final number of valid signatures is 1241, which is greater than the minimum number required. I therefore confirm that the petition from voters in the Wānaka-Upper Clutha Ward has been made by at least 10% of the voters in that ward and is a valid petition in my view.

Yours sincerely, Nāku noa nā



Jane Robertson  
ELECTORAL OFFICER