

**BEFORE COMMISSIONER PANEL APPOINTED BY
MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

In the matter of the Resource Management Act 1991

And

In the matter of an application by Godley Peaks Station Limited to establish Homestead and Accessory Buildings at Godley Peaks Station, Lake Tekapo.

**EVIDENCE OF PETER DAVID FORREST ON BEHALF OF GODLEY
PEAKS STATION (GEOTECHNICAL)**

16 March 2026

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MAY IT PLEASE THE PANEL:

Credential and Experience

Current Position

- 1 My full name is Peter David Forrest.
- 2 I am a Principal Engineering Geologist and Director at Geotago Limited.

Qualification and Experience

- 3 I hold the qualification of Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Geology/Earth Science and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Engineering Geology from the University of Bristol. I am a Chartered Member of Engineering New Zealand practicing as a Professional Engineering Geologist - CMEngNZ (PEngGeol).
- 4 I have been employed as a consultant engineering geologist for over 29 years. I have worked on a wide variety of engineering infrastructure projects in the UK, Ireland, Albania, Australia, and New Zealand. These types of projects have required several stages of investigation including feasibility, intrusive investigation, ground modelling risk assessment, risk management and mitigation design.

Environment Court Practice Note

- 5 I acknowledge that I have read and am familiar with the Environment Court's Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses, contained in the Environment Court Practice Note 2023, and agree to comply with it.
- 6 Other than where I state that I am relying on the advice on another person, I confirm that the issues addressed in this statement are within my area of expertise. I have not omitted to consider material facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions that I express.

Scope of Evidence

- 7 Mr Warren Lewis/Godley Peak Station Ltd (**the Applicant**) has applied for a resource consent to construct a new Homestead on Godley Peaks Station near Lake Tekapo (**the Application**).
- 8 Geotago was commissioned by the Applicant to conduct a geotechnical assessment of the ground conditions at the proposed homestead site on

Godley Peaks Road, and make appropriate recommendations for resource consent for foundations, earthworks, stormwater, and wastewater disposal.

- 9 I technically reviewed in my capacity as Director of Geotago, a Geotechnical Assessment Report authored by Stephanie Osmars, an Engineering Geologist at Geotago Ltd, in support of the Application. That Report is dated 16 July 2024, and included as Appendix H to the original application documents.

Response to Planners Report (and Conditions)

- 10 The Planner's Report does not dispute the findings of the technical assessments and has adopted those conclusions for the purposes of the section 42A analysis. On that basis, I can confirm to the Panel that the assessment and conclusions contained in the technical Report remain valid and unchanged after considering the Planner's 42A Report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Forrest', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter David Forrest

Dated 16 March 2026