



28 February 2023

Mayor Glyn Lewers  
Queenstown Lakes District  
Council  
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By email: Glyn.Lewers@qldc.govt.nz

Dear Mayor Lewers

**Re: Queenstown Airport Corporation (QAC) Draft Statement of Intent FY24**

The QAC board of directors was pleased to receive the statement of expectations from QLDC on 10 February 2023. The board supports strong alignment between QLDC and QAC on the strategic opportunities and priorities for the company. The SOE of our major shareholder is reflected in the draft SOI attached.

We recognise the importance to the community on balancing growth with the capacity of regional infrastructure and the liveability of the region. In drafting the SOI FY24, we have worked to meaningfully incorporate the four wellbeing measures: social, environmental, cultural, and economic into our strategic priorities and performance indicators.

We recognise and support the Council's goal to become a regenerative tourism destination and the district's carbon zero 2030 target announced last year. Our commitment to sustainability and decarbonisation associated with QAC activities is detailed in the draft SOI and will also be reflected in the draft Master Plan.

The importance of continuing dialogue with the communities of the Southern Lakes region on the future development of Queenstown Airport is well understood. QAC will engage as set out in our SOI with our majority shareholder as we undertake community consultation on the draft Master Plan together. The SOE provides some guidance on the strategic direction for the Master Plan, which will be incorporated into the draft Master Plan. At g.) it is requested that the future use of QAC's Wānaka land holdings be included in the Master Plan. We note that because the Master Plan is a spatial plan of the Queenstown Airport campus it will not include Wānaka land holdings. As outlined in our 10-year Strategic Plan, we will continue to monitor demand for land surrounding Wānaka Airport and investigate opportunities to increase our returns based on consentable activities. (p44)

The QAC board of directors and executive remain committed to open, constructive, and collaborative working relationships with shareholders and the community. We look forward

to the opportunity to discuss the draft SOI at your workshop in early March and to continuing to work with Council to deliver a final SOI in June 2023.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Young-Cooper', written in a cursive style.

Adrienne Young-Cooper  
Chair  
QAC Board of Directors

CC:  
Mike Theelen, CEO, QLDC  
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