

# Agenda #12



| <b>Glenorchy Airstrip Consultative Governance Committee Notice of Meeting</b> |  |
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| <b>Where:</b>   | MS Teams   |
| <b>Time:</b>  | 11:00m-12:30pm   |
| <b>Date:</b>  | Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2023  |
| <b>Who:</b>   | Jamie Waaka (QAC), Jeannie Galavazi (QLDC), Quintin Howard (QLDC), Tiana Prudden (QLDC), Christina Lister (GCA), Niki Gladding (Councillor), James Stokes (Operators), Nick Nicholson (Operators), Roz Devlin (QLDC) |
| <b>Apologies</b>  | Tom Butler (Blanket Bay), Peter Raby (QLDC), Peter Campbell (Wyuna Preserve Residents Association)   |

**ITEM 1: Welcome**

Quorum of 4 met.

**ITEM 2: February minutes**

- Requiring approval from the committee

NG moves to accept minutes.

CL seconds.

**ITEM 3: QLDC update (QLDC and Committee Member input)**

- 2023 Concessions
- Input on final numbers
- NZONE

JG opens to inform the group QLDC have been working with Wyn Williams to establish 2023 concessions.

JG summarizes – Tier 2 operators include anyone who does more than 12 landings a year, and up to 250. There are 5 confirmed Tier 2 operators, likely to be 6. It is mid-year now and all operators are not quite at 50% yet. Special approval process hasn't been used yet.

JS requests special approval process be included (written) in document he is signing.

JS adds it is still not included so he is hesitant on signing.

NG questions why it cannot be included in concession document.

JG responds there no reluctance from council around willingness to acknowledge process is available, but more so approving flights under that process.

JS repeats he requests the process be written in document.

QH questions if the group would be comfortable with it being an appendix.

JS prefers it is in the document but will check with lawyer. *QLDC to action.*

JG continues to explain Tier 1 operators have given numbers for 2023 – NN and NZONE. NN is seeking 800 in line with 2022.

JG adds so far since end of May, 360 landings have been made by NN – about halfway.

NZONE would like to come back and are seeking numbers of that magnitude as well. QLDC

haven't made any decisions yet. NZONE have requested to come and speak with committee, providing a proposal on numbers. JG recommends reconvening in 2 weeks' time to discuss with NZONE.

JG adds QLDC are in discussion with Steve Peakall about noise contours/noise monitoring - what position does that leave Council in with regards to Special Approval Process if NZONE return and 2019 numbers are approached?

NG asked what process is if NZONE put application in for numbers.

JG responds QLDC would treat similar to every other operator, taking lead from designation conditions, acknowledging 2016 RMP, and discussing at env court hearing. NZONE are not flying currently at the airport. With only 6 months of the year to go, it is at Council's discretion with input from committee on flight numbers to be allocated. All operators are looking at getting back to pre-covid numbers.

*JG to put document together to outline current position, what has been requested and what QLDC want from GYCGC.*

JG asked operators (NN, JS) on their opinion around process re NZONE.

NN responds we have to look at building of pre covid numbers – NZONE haven't been there for 2 years.

CL asked JG to put document together before next community meeting.

*QLDC to schedule meeting in person, invite to NZONE to talk to group for one part. Committee to discuss during second part.*

NG agreed, CL agreed.

#### **ITEM 4: Reserve Management Plan**

- Survey Questions discussion
- QLDC Communications Plan
- Introduce Rosalind Devlin
- Next steps

JG introduced RD who is on board to help get RMP underway. JG, comms, and RD have put together questions from which survey will be created.

JG – comms suggested survey not to take more than 10 mins. Some detailed questions around methodology (designation condition) might be misunderstood by those who don't understand the process. Suggestion to have more specific consultation with stakeholders who have greater understanding of the process to ask the more complex questions.

JG adds community consultation is paramount. JG suggests draft input from community and council – then go out for formal submissions as the next step.

NG asked if there was a growth question.

JG said that there was a question in draft 'What happens if flight threshold is reached?' but was removed because comms believes there won't be meaningful input from community (\*general community)

NG said it should be added back in as there will be nothing to prompt decision around growth for council from those informed.

*QLDC to draft up additional survey question around growth.*

Use it or lose it – add free text box.

NG states there is nothing in there about charging infrastructure – electric charging. A question around costs and preference in keeping price low, minimising impact on operators or level of tolerance for cost.

NG comments the aerodrome could get to a position where it is too costly to run.

JS said it will be at least 10 years until aircraft become electric.

NG - How can we incentivise e- aircraft if we don't have infrastructure available?

JS suggests operators would want to work with council as it comes along instead of pre-empting.

JG suggests incentivising low impact aircraft. RMP should be 10 years but think that 5-year review should be the norm.

JS prompts a question around incentivising technology instead of infrastructure specifically. NG comments the RMP needs to allow for it.

What are issues around hydrogen, who might object? Do we want to get it in there now to ask questions?

JS – question around sustainable tech might be appropriate.

New question along the lines of what level of built form footprint is appropriate.

NG - Charges and disincentives in efforts to be more sustainable/reduce footprint – should it be incentivised somehow? Include free text box to detail concerns.

NG expressed concerns about becoming too developed and having to expand to recover debt. Should it be a grass airstrip with no infrastructure? Or should it be more, should it be operators paying or rate payers? Will need to increase airstrip to fund it.

NG comments there is no cost context with growth context. What is most important? What price are operators willing to pay?

NG – Do we need to put something in management plan about who pays for what? Given it is there for emergency services – how much is appropriate for rate payers to pay and users to pay. JG - Is there too much we can charge? Willingness to pay question. QLDC have paid for recent infrastructure (fencing etc) and at the moment is cost neutral – going forward how should infrastructure be paid for and by whom?

NG questions how much is too much for a landing fee?

JS responds it depends what operators are getting for a landing fee.

NN asks when will survey go to residents?

JG responds within the month.

JG – survey questions are info gathering, next stage is to develop draft.

NG – will a comms piece go out with survey?

JG – a version will. Plus, information on Facebook.

NG asked who is on stakeholder list.

*JG and Roz to revisit and share stakeholder list via email for others to add.*

*Committee members to come back via email with any concerns re plan or survey questions.*

Next steps: get survey out and programme in a community services workshop to update relevant councillors on status. Once feedback period closes QLDC will analyse feedback and start drafting plan. Dates around going to council for sign off to be visited. Community services committee need to sign off on plan then notified for 2 months.

Make clear about it being pre-consultation.

#### **ITEM 5: Complaints (QAC/QLDC)**

No complaints

#### **ITEM 6: Airstrip Operations Update (QAC)**

JW provides update on operations. Monthly and quarterly inspections – no major issues. Replacement of windsock is underway. No safety incidents aware of. Grass maintenance moving over to winter schedule with continued monitoring as usual.

#### **ITEM 7: General Business**

QH requests in person meeting next time.

*NG, CL and TB to identify day in the future in town.*

**Actions:**

QLDC - Addition of Special Approval Process in concession documentation.

QLDC - Schedule meeting with NZONE after school holidays. 30 mins with NZONE, 30 mins  
With committee only.

JG – Prep info for concessions discussion at next meeting

JG, RD – Revisit and reformat RMP questions.

JG, RD – Share stakeholder list with committee via email for others to add.